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10 KILLED IN FOG PILE-UP

Speed restriction law planned

By GERALD BARTLETT and
ALAN COPPS

Fog warning: Widespread fog in central and southern England today.

THE Government is to consider making the hazard warning signals on motorways legally enforceable after yesterday's 10 deaths in a pile-up of 22 vehicles on the fogbound M25.

At present the speed-limit signals are merely advisory. The proposal that they be made mandatory was disclosed in the Commons by the Transport Minister, Mrs Chalker, when she promised an investigation into the "terrible tragedy" of the M25.

She told MPs that warning lights on the M25 near the Kent-Surrey border had been on all night because of "appalling" conditions.

But Mr Mark Wolfson, Tory MP for Sevenoaks, said the lights were not operating on the stretch of motorway between Godstone, Surrey, and Sevenoaks, Kent—the scene of the pile-up just after 6 a.m.

That section of the motorway, set in a valley, is said to be notorious for its fog banks.

Kent police spokesman later said the lights were working when the accident occurred, and police officers arrived at the scene after the crash.

A patrol in the area an hour earlier had reported that the fog was not thick.

Following the accident, police crews on the M25 met a blanket of fog as they travelled from Sevenoaks towards the scene," said the police spokesman.

The victim of yesterday's pile-up of 22 lorries and cars ploughed into each other and were then engulfed in 20ft high flames as a petrol tanker exploded.

The fog, which blanketed the south east and central Britain on Monday night and early yesterday caused a spate of crashes, closing five motorways for a time in the South East alone.

But the scale and death toll of the M25 crash far exceeded hardened police and ambulance crews.

Tachometers of two lorries, one of them among the first to crash, the other the last, revised the timescale of the carnage.

The first tachometer stopped at 7.05 a.m. and the last at 6.15 a.m.

Most of the vehicles were burned out, many welded together by the intense heat. And one lorry ironically bore a "keep your distance" sticker on its front bumper.

Twelve hours after the crash, rescue teams found a car with

Hurting into gloom, and
Pictures—P3

a body inside hidden under one of the lorries.

"We knew there was a body, but we didn't know there was a car. That is the kind of thing we are dealing with," said a police spokesman.

Dazed survivors spoke of hearing screams of agony through the fog and of being catapulted through doors and windscreens as they were repeatedly flung around the carriage way.

But most of the injured escaped, incredibly, with broken bones and cuts and bruises.

Only three of the 10 people taken to Bromley Hospital were still there last night.

They were Mrs Margaret Cross, 56, who has a fractured collar bone, her son Ian, 24, with a broken leg, both of Petts Wood, Orpington, and Mr Kenneth Mallon, 24, of Sittingbourne, Kent, who has a head injury.

Those less seriously injured included Deborah Hall, 30, of Borough Green, Kent; Janet Brown, 32, of Billesley; Ray Chambers, 24, of Southend; Kevin Richards, 61, of Tunbridge Wells; Keith Deubert, 36, of Chatham; Michael Laverty, 40, of Paversham; and Arend Van de Schaafer Ronze, 37, of Breckbergen, Holland.

Crash section.
closed today

Last night, rescuers worked on under emergency lighting to recover the bodies of victims and to clear wreckage.

At one time more than 70 police, 70 firemen and dozens of ambulance crews were involved.

The three-mile stretch of the crash scene between junctions five and six is expected to remain closed until tonight.

During the day rescuers

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'Pull in to the side' advice to drivers

By JOHN LANGLEY Motoring Correspondent

DRIVERS seeing a motorway pile-up immediately ahead—and with a 38-ton juggernaut bearing down on them—were advised yesterday "to get into the side and up the embankment."

Mr Michael Pickering, chairman of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, said: "You may be in the middle of the road, it is nothing you can do about it."

The institute's chief examiner, Mr Ted Clements, believes motorway warning signals are too far apart.

Motorists tended to ignore them because they were often left on when there was no obvious hazard, he said.

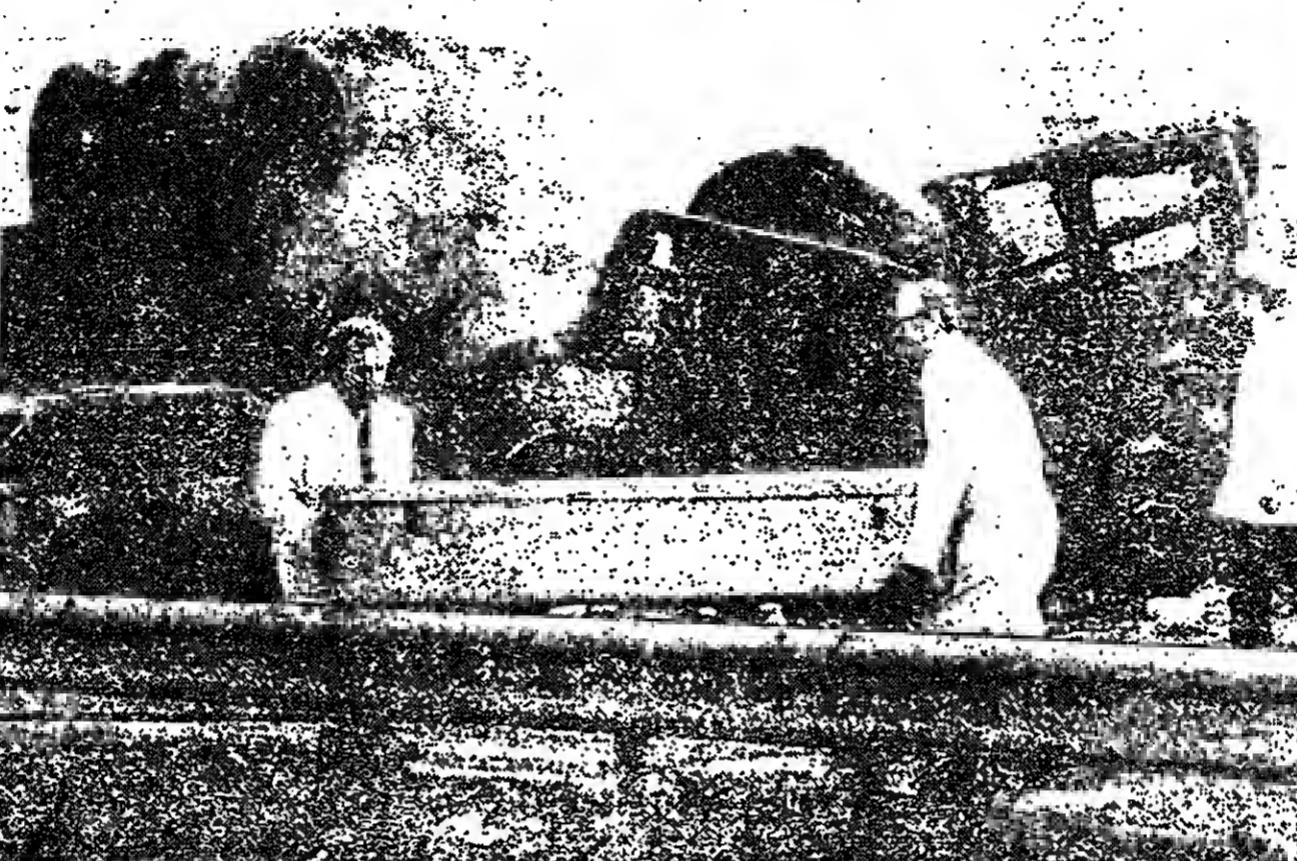
The signals are sited at two-mile intervals, and have to be triggered by police radar guns.

But Transport Department spokesman said last night they were gradually being replaced by electronically controlled signals able to switch out the hazard and display varying speed limits according to the danger.

Mr Clements added: "The average motorist doesn't realize you can have a clear patch and then suddenly you are in fog."



The charred and mangled remains of vehicles after the M25 pile-up and (below) the body of a victim is carried past a wrecked newsprint lorry.



PICTURE: SROIJA DJUKANOVIC

RED SIGNAL DEATH CRASH

By JOHN PETTY
Transport Correspondent

A LONDON Underground driver passed a red signal before being killed when his train ran into the back of another train at Kilburn yesterday, according to initial official inquiries.

The driver, Timothy Smeeuw, 28, a married man from Milton Keynes, Bucks, died on his first day of duty as a qualified driver.

His train hit another one which had stopped at a red light on a surface section of the northbound Metropolitan Line between Kilburn and Willesden Green stations. Four passengers and the driver and guard of the train which had stopped were injured but were not detained in hospital.

Mr Hindley said the company would also be influenced by the threat of legal action by local authorities.

The union has asked councils in areas with Debenhams stores to seek High Court orders prohibiting Sunday opening. Some councils have already done so.

With the double rate paid on a Sunday, a sales assistant could expect to earn about £50 for this day.

7-week course

An underground spokesman said: "Mr Smeeuw, who was based at Neasden, was a guard for four years and during training he was taught to drive trains in emergencies and under supervision."

Motorists should use their rear fog warning lights to keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead, and dash their brake lights to warn following traffic if they have to slow down.

Asked about the growing practice of motorists switching on their cars' flashing amber hazard warning lights when slowing down for an emergency, Mr Clements said it was legally wrong to use these lights while the vehicle was still moving.

"But I can't see any objection to it. I can assure you, being an ex-police officer myself, nobody would take objection to this. It is certainly warning the driver behind."

Statistics show that motorways are becoming safer, despite the heavier traffic on them. Ten years ago there were 19 accidents for every 100 million kilometres (62 million miles) covered by vehicles on motorways.

Last year, the accident rate had fallen to 12, with motorways accounting for only 12 per cent of all accidents.

Debenhams rethink on Sunday trade

By BRIAN SILK

DESENTHAMS, the store group, will reconsider its decision to defy the law against Sunday trading after a reprimand from the Prime Minister yesterday.

The company said that it would be influenced by Mrs Thatcher, who agreed with a Commons questioner that Sunday traders should be roundly condemned for operating illegally and added: "The law must be obeyed until it is changed by Parliament."

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Mr Peter Hindley, the company's director of store operations, said: "We will obviously consider what she has to say and consider our position."

Legal threat

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THOUSANDS IN TELECOM PROFIT RUSH

By Our Business Correspondent

Thousands of small shareholders joined in the rush yesterday to take a 30 per cent. profit on British Telecom shares after getting formal allocation letters in the morning post.

Those selling the minimum 200-share allocation ended up with a £55 profit before commission payment. For 500 shares the pre-commission profit was £186, at 600, £279; and for 800 shares, £572.

The Telecom issue was blamed yesterday for a 23 per cent. jump in the money supply last month, which pushed monetary growth well above its prescribed target range.

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£200,000 FINE TO BE SEIZED

By TERENCE SHAW
Legal Correspondent

A SENIOR High Court official has been brought in to collect the unpaid £200,000 contempt of court fine imposed on the Transport and General Workers' Union for failing to comply with court orders during the Austin Rover strike.

Mr Justice Hodgeson, who imposed the fine last month yesterday ordered that it should be collected by the Queen's Remembrancer.

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Pics to Sir Keith—P2

POLYROW INQUIRY

By JOHN IZBICKI
Education Correspondent

A X "INDEPENDENT
inquiry" into the way the Polytechnic of North London has been run was ordered last night by Mrs Frances Morrell, leader of the Inner London Education Authority.

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CARROT AND STICK FOR COUNCILS

By JOHN CRICSBY Local Government Correspondent

MR JENKIN, the Environment Secretary, last night announced a stick and carrot strategy for controlling local government spending when he announced details of the rate support grant, the money the Government gives local councils towards their costs.

Limits for some of the 18 councils where the rates will be subject to Government approval will now be far stricter than they had expected. This is partly because the Government has taken their balances into account in an attempt to set realistic targets.

But councils which comply with the Government's targets will be able to spend up to 4½ per cent. above this year's budgets next year, 1985-86. This is in line with latest inflation estimates.

This is likely to benefit theshire counties in particular and to enable them to avoid cuts in services or in spending in real terms after allowing for inflation.

Some low-spending authorities which meet both the Government's spending targets and its grant-related expenditure assessment, the moeey Whitehall estimates councils should levy to provide a standard level of service, will do better.

These will be allowed to increase their spending by up to 4·625 per cent. without incurring penalties. Berkshire is one of the counties which should benefit. The Minister has adjusted the block grant distribution to impose greater penalties on councils which overspend by six per cent.

The Exchequer grants towards local council spending next year will be £1,764 million, slightly higher than Mr Jenkin originally proposed in July, but rather less than the current year's figure. The expenditure targets total £21,800 million.

The Government will contribute in grant next year 48·7 per cent. towards agreed expenditure compared with 51·9 per cent. this year.

Mr Jenkin forecast that if councils budgeted to meet their target rate increases would be in long single figures and below this year's average of five to six per cent.

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Mr Jenkin argued that councils had failed to reduce their staffs by voluntary wastage. Some had inflated their manpower budgets. Local councils were not an employment agency nor a type of outdoor relief.

The 18 councils subject to rate-capping will receive increases in this year setting out the limits of the rates they will legally be able to charge. They have until Jan. 15 to comment on any rate or precept limits proposed.

Mr Jenkin warned that if he had not heard from them by then, he would ask the Commons to confirm the rate limits by affirmative order.

He said: "The proposed rate and precept limits which I am announcing today will be warmly welcomed by ratepayers in the areas concerned. For 15 of the 18 authorities I have set rate or precept limits which are lower than the rates or precepts being charged this year."

He argued that in the five remaining cases the rates would be lower than they would have been if rate-capping had not been in force.

Leicester City Council is being expected to reduce its own rate next year by 56·61 per cent.

Mr Peter Soulsby, leader of the Labour-controlled council said: "I am totally dumbfounded. My first impression was that there must have been some kind of typing mistake."

The Greater London Council is being told to cut £142 million

from its budget, though this will mean a cut in its rate of only 0·08 per cent.

The spending cut is more than double what the GLC was expecting and is likely to make more difficult the task of moderates trying to persuade Mr Kenneth Livingstone and his colleagues that the targets are sustainable and to comply with the law.

Mr John McDonnell, chairman of the Finance Committee, said: "The cuts he is asking the London councils to make are impossible."

Three councils, the GLC, LLEA and Greenwich, have been told to reduce their cash spending next year by 1·5 per cent. The others are being told to spend only the same in cash next year as they are budgeting to spend this.

The rate increases implied by the limits on the rateable piodages set by the Government vary widely, partly because the Government has taken into account the amount councils may have to borrow.

Merseyside, one of the councils which have reserved resources to finance spending this year and which may not have enough to do so next year, can legally increase its rate next year by up to 27·48 per cent.

Others which would be allowed to increase their rates (percentage figures in brackets) are: Basildon (17·50 per cent), Brent (1·55), Camden (0·95) and Thamesthown (5·50).

The following councils are being told to cut their rates (percentage figures in brackets): G.L.C. (0·08), Greenwich (4·37), Hackney (5·05), Inner London Education Authority (7·26), Islington (9·39), Lambeth (12·07), Leicester (56·61), Lewisham (24·41), Portsmouth (1·18), Sheffield (0·56), Southwark (24·74) and South Yorkshire (2·08).

Transport figures slashed.

Our TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT writes: Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary, yesterday slashed from £1,858 million to only £320 million the amount of spending to qualify for "transport supplementary grants" to local councils from his department.

In previous years the moeey has been for both capital and current spending on public transport and roads, including fare subsidies.

Next year it will be available only on capital spending on approved road schemes. Mr Ridley's view is that far too much money is going into fare subsidies.

Grants of £400 million were approved by his department on the £1,858 million scheme put up by local councils for the 12 months ending next March.

In the following 12 months, there will be only £160 million in grants on approved roads spending of £400 million.

Mr Ridley said it would include 289 major road schemes, 214 of which are already in progress or due to start in 1984/85 and a further 15 due to start in 1985/86. The scheme includes 169 bypasses or relief roads.

The top grant of £1 million will go to the West Midlands, followed by more than £6 million each for Northampton and Greater Manchester, over £5 million each to Dorset, Hampshire, Hereford, Kent and Lancashire, and more than £4 million for Essex.

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Gallup poll

92 pc disapprove of pit strike tactics

NINE in 10 of the general public disapprove of the methods being used by the miners in the furtherance of their dispute, and three in four say their impression of Mr Scargill has gone down over his handling of the dispute.

These are some of the main findings from a Gallup Poll conducted exclusively for THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

Following the death of a miner's taxi driver, David Wilkie, 35, the driver killed on Nov. 30 as he took a miner to work.

Nearly 200 mourners crowded into St Mary's Church at Glyntaff, Mid-Glamorgan, after six of Mr Wilkie's colleagues from City Centre Cars of Cardiff had acted as pallbearers.

Mr Wilkie, of Treforest, was killed when two pieces of concrete were thrown from a bridge on to the windscreen of his car as he drove Mr David Williams, 35, to work at Merthyr Vale Colliery.

Mr Williams, who escaped injury, was among the mourners, with another working miner, Mr Tooy Dudley, who was to have been picked up by the car.

People were also asked whether their impressions of Mrs Thatcher, Mr Kinnock, Mr MacGregor, and Mr Scargill had gone up or down over their banding of the miners' dispute.

All four are losing, but by no means equally...

The table below shows a net disapproval score, where the minus figures signify the degree to which those saying "gone down" outnumber those saying "gone up".

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Mid-Today Nov. Sept. Mrs Thatcher -18 -19 -20 Mr Kinnock -31 -17 -24 Mr MacGregor -39 -40 -29 Mr Scargill -74 -69 -61

More back NCB

Even among Labour supporters, 22 per cent. said their impression of Mr Kinnock had gone down, while 19 per cent. said it had gone up.

As might be expected, the

disapproving score was more than 100 localities.

Looking ahead to the end of the dispute, despite the substantial sacrifices being made by striking miners, a majority (56 per cent.) of the public thinks the individual coal miner will be worse off and only 13 per cent. say better off.

Majorities among supporters of all political groupings share this gloomy view of miners' prospects.

This latest Gallup Poll was conducted between Nov. 28 and Dec. 3 among a nationally representative quota sample of 968 electors interviewed in more than 100 localities.

The overall £40 million cut in farm capital grants had been announced a month ago after the Chancellor's mini-Budget.

Mr Jopling announced in a Commons written reply yesterday that farm grants have been pruned. The changes all take effect immediately.

In the lowlands, the standard Agricultural and Horticultural Grants Scheme grant is now 15 per cent. when previously it ranged from 20 to 50 per cent.

According to the farm project, in the hills, the standard grant rate is now 30 per cent. It previously ranged from 20 to 60 per cent.

Doubts raised

"These matters, together with the institution's response to the events surrounding the attendance at the polytechnic of a student, Patrick Harrington, raise doubts about the way in which the polytechnic is conducting its affairs," she said.

She declined to respond in detail to allegations made by Dr MacDowell that she had wanted him to discipline or expel Harrington, thereby making himself liable to contempt of court following a High Court judgment that Harrington be given full access to the course for which he is legitimately registered.

"I wish to state categorically, however, that I have never proposed that Dr MacDowell should take action which would be in breach of the law in relation to the affairs of the polytechnic. I have always acted on the advice of the education office and legal officers of the authority," Mrs Morrell said.

North London Polytechnic became one of the country's 30 polytechnics and was formed from a merger of the North Western Polytechnic and the Northern Poly at Hounslow. Eight people signed their names to form the company that became known as the P.N.I.

They were headed by Mr Brian Roberts, who was editor of the *Sunny Telegraph* and chairman of the board of governors. He had been a member of the Northern Polytechnic's governors from 1948 until 1971 and chairman of the newly-formed body from 1971-72.

Mr Roy Price, divisional education officer for the LLEA, yesterday complained about a report in last Monday's *Daily Telegraph* that claimed Mrs Morrell had "failed to observe LLEA's own criteria for schools" by sending her daughter to the "middle class" Haverstock School in Hampstead instead of her local Islington Green School.

The allegation, according to Mrs Morrell, was "completely untrue." Mrs Morrell "like any other London parent, was free to express a preference for whatever school she pleased. She infringed no criteria and got no preferential treatment."

"Miners are good people and they want to work. But the miners' strike has caused a great deal of damage to property and to the community.

They are afraid. They have seen what happened to us."

Things were so bad for a period that the postman would not deliver letters for fear of intimidation and shopkeepers were warned not to serve them.

But now the post is being delivered and the Haywood's son, who lives nearby, is able to do the shopping.

Letters of support arrive daily, often unsigned but invariably from other mining areas.

"So many want to follow. I urge them to go back to work," said Mrs Haywood.

She claims that the strikers no longer know what they are striking for. "The argument is that for their children's future is nonsense. I thank God my sons don't go down the mine and I don't know anyone who wants their sons to follow them. That tradition died a generation ago."

For Christmas the Haywoods will drive south to be with other members of their family.

"But we can only leave the house knowing it has a 24-hour police protection. Without that we wouldn't dare leave."

Mr Roy Newman, a miner turned potter and former South Yorkshire Conservative councillor is dismayed and angry.

Things are not so bad for now, as now they were in August and September. On one occasion 40 hooded men attacked the house with bricks.

'Bully boys' slow return to Yorkshire pits

By BRENDA PARRY

THE return to work by miners in the South Yorkshire coalfield has been so slow that those who have returned believe that many who want to return are afraid to do so because of "bully-boy tactics."

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MacDowall seeks

Poly inquiry

by Government

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

DR DAVID MACDOWALL, former Director of the Polytechnic of North London, wants an inquiry into the affairs of his college set-up by Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary.

The Inner London Education Authority is to organise an "independent inquiry" into the way the college is run.

Last night Dr MacDowall accused the LLEA's leader, Mrs Frances Morrell, of playing "vicious politics."

Dr Harry Law, chairman of the Centre of Directors of Polytechnics and President of the Polytechnic of North London yesterday and obtained a High Court order to block moves by the students' union to donate money to the striking miners.

The order, granted by Mr Justice Scott, came into immediate effect and will run until Friday when three union officers will be given a chance to challenge it.

Meanwhile Patrick Harrington, the National Front organiser and Polytechnic student, obtained 19 writs on the窮 of court naming poly students, four of them union executive members: Peter Ross, the president; Peter Redman, vice-president; Andy Hoy, the union's publicity officer; and Alison Hunter, editor of the union's journal.

Chance to challenge

Mr Ross and Mr Redman are two of the officers who will be given an opportunity of challenging the order to block money going to the miners.

The order restrains the three union officers from making or causing to be made any payments out of polytechnic funds "whether out of capital or income" to assist "dependants of employees of the National Coal Board, not being students of the Polytechnic" for any purpose other than advancing the education or fostering the well-being of polytechnic students.

It was the judge who insisted the insertion of the phrase "not being students of the Polytechnic" be omitted, out of the original wording by Sir Michael. He pointed out that the original wording by Sir Michael might prevent bona fide students from seeking families being given assistance.

Last night Mr Redman said the union's solicitors had been instructed not to receive any or all of the writs issued to Mr Harrington. "They will have to be served individually," he said.

In the light of Harrington's statement on television (to the effect that black people did not warrant civil liberties) and in view of Frances Morrell's call for his expulsion, if anyone is jailed as a result of these writs, the court will be in contempt of justice," he added.

Emphasising the conservation aspect of the changes, planting hedges and building walls using traditional materials will now attract a 50 per cent. grant in the lowlands instead of 20 per cent., and in the hills, the increased 60 per cent. grant rate introduced last year for hedges, traditional walls and shelter belts will remain.

Farm roads in the high hills, often strongly criticised as scars on the landscape by conservationists, now attract only a 20 per cent. grant rate, while in the marginal land areas the grant rate has been cut from 20 to 15 per cent.

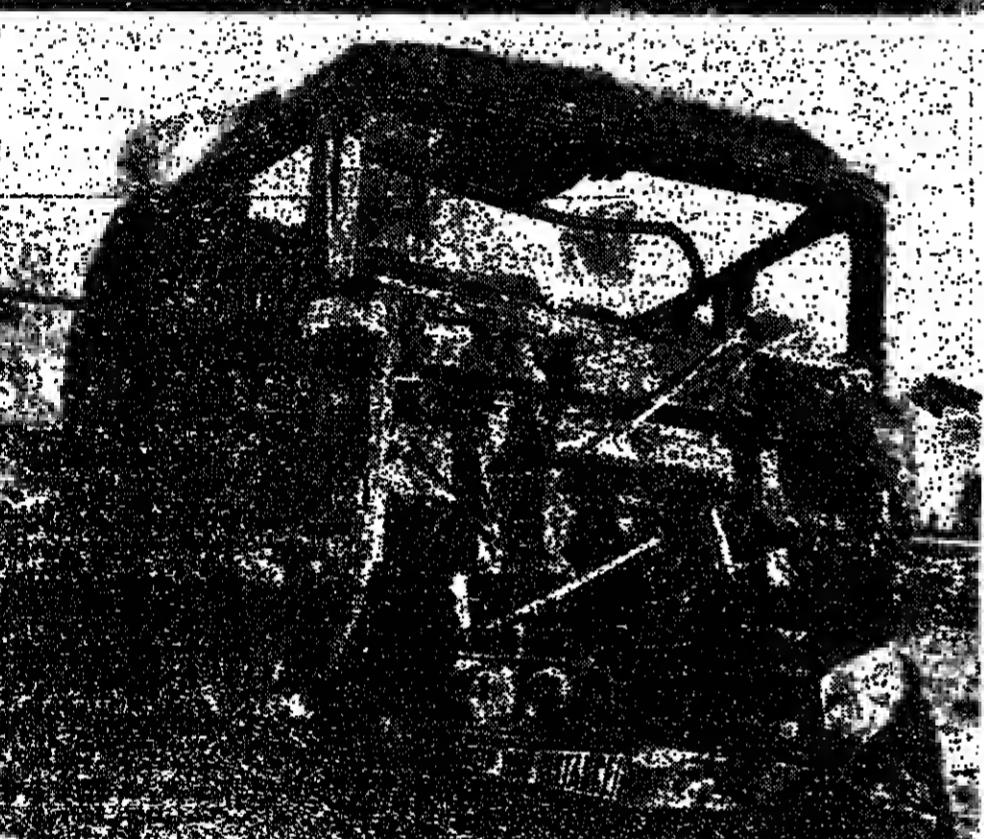
Operations such as removing tree stumps and other obstacles to cultivation, land levelling or grading and deep ploughing are no longer eligible for grants.

Motorway madness leaves trail of carnage



THE M25 near Westerham, Kent, taking on the grim aspect of a breaker's yard after yesterday's early morning pile-up in thick fog which left the burning remains of a score of vehicles scattered over 40 yards of motorway.

Pictures: SRDJAN DJUKANOVIC



• "Keep your distance,"—but the warning slogan did not save this lorry with its heavy load of newsprint from destruction.

'EMPHASIS ON SPEED' ATTACKED

By COLIN RANDALL

A NIGHTMARE
Motoring Correspondent
CAR advertisements with too much emphasis on speed and acceleration were condemned yesterday in a report by the Advertising Standards Authority.

It had never had so many justified complaints on the subject before. Some advertisements compared cars with bulls and guns.

Other examples quoted included: "It's easy to forget speed limits to breaking the law at 100 mph feels like cruising at 50 mph."

Terrible carnage

No one with half an ear on a car radio could have been unaware of the terrible carnage on the M25 at its Kent-Surrey border. Equally, they must have heard motorists' flashes of warning of the closure of a stretch of the M4 between Reading and Maidenhead.

None of this, nor the evidence before their own eyes, stopped drivers hurtling into the gloom at speeds of up to 80 mph.

Still less did it persuade frightening numbers of motorists to switch on dipped headlights.

The authority comments:

"A major car was potentially a lethal instrument. The faster drivers are, the greater their responsibility."

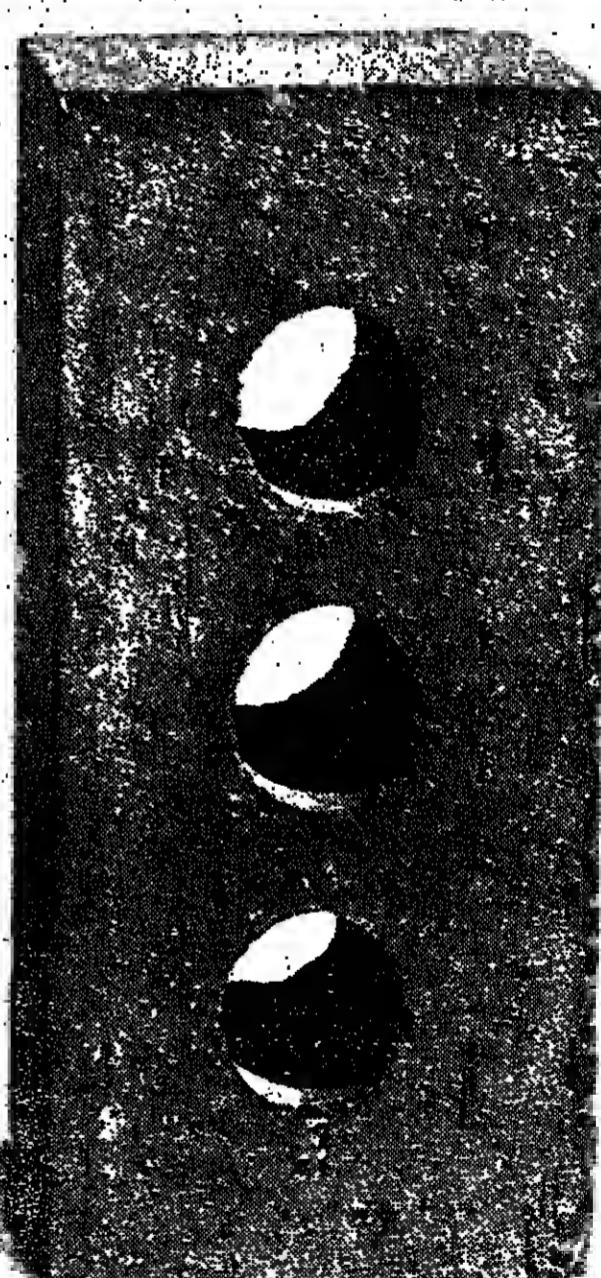


• The wreckage of a car which finished up jammed between the crash barrier and a lorry.

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SKYJACK HOSTAGES ACCUSE IRAN AS SHULTZ SEEKS ACTION

By JOHN BULLOCH Diplomatic Staff

AMERICA'S Secretary of State yesterday spoke about "active defence" against terrorism as passengers released from the plane skyjacked to Teheran accused Iran of collusion during their six-day ordeal.

Mr Shultz was speaking to reporters aboard a plane bringing him to London for talks with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

He called for a United States debate about using American power to "strike in advance against terrorists."

Such strikes might be necessary even if intelligence had not determined every possible fact about the complicity of a group in assaulting American interests.

And, echoing comments made earlier by the former Deputy Mr Under Secretary, Mr Lawrence Eagleburger, Mr Shultz acknowledged that the operations had to mind threatened injuring innocent people.

"Supplied with guns"

As he was speaking two Pakistani passengers alleged in Karachi that the Iranian authorities were directly involved in the brutal events which left two Americans dead, two Kuwaitis wounded and two other Americans tortured.

Mr Abdul Hafiz, 50, a catering officer with Kuwait Airways, and Mr Zamir Ahmad, 55, a businessman, said the four skyjackers were supplied with weapons, handcuffs and rope after they forced the Kuwaiti Airlines Airbus, with 177 people aboard, to land at Teheran.

"They had nothing when they boarded the aircraft at Dubai," said Mr Hafiz. "They had everything two days later after arrival at Mehrabad Airport in Iran."

When the four seized the plane after leaving Dubai for Karachi they were armed only with small silver-coloured pis-

seen what a noise would have been made in the world about how well it had been handled."

Up to late last night the Americans still seemed unsure exactly who was responsible for the skyjacking. They suggested it was the Lebanon-based "Party of God," the activist section of the group known as "Islamic Holy War."

The main difficulty appears to have been to explain to the American public the forces involved, as they cut across a number of group lines.

The 17 bombers imprisoned in Kuwait, whose release was demanded by the skyjackers, are members of "The Call," or al-Dawa, Iraqi-based Shia dissidents who support Iran in the Gulf War.

The Iran-controlled "Islamic Holy War" organisation, "Jihad Islamiya," made threats against Kuwait to secure their release. But, unable to act themselves, that organisation called in the mercenary group commanded by Abu Nidal to carry out the skyjacking.

It was four Lebanese and Palestinian members of the Damascus-based Abu Nidal terrorist organisation who took over the Kuwaiti plane. Their reward would be money, arms and logistic support for other actions.

JUDGE QUITTS IN PREMIER'S TRIAL

By Our Toronto Correspondent

The trial of Mr Richard Hatfield, 53, Premier of New Brunswick, on a charge of possessing marijuana while board the Queen's plane in September, adjourned yesterday until Jan 29 in Fredericton after the judge withdrew from the case.

Defence lawyers had objected to Judge James Harper's comment last week that it was "quite fair" that a barrister should be taken "with the fellow who has all the breaks and elects on his own volition to go out and commit a crime."

MINE TOLL RISES

A further 25 more bodies had been recovered after the Ta-wao coal mine explosion last Wednesday raising the death toll to 76. It was reported in Taipei yesterday. Another 17 miners are still missing. — A.P.

In Iran, the authorities said they had held off for six days to loll the skyjackers and ensure minimum losses—when they stormed the plane. Ayatollah Khomeini made his first speech in five weeks to deny Iranian involvement.

He said the skyjack was condemned by all Iranian officials and was solved in "a satisfactory way."

He added that if the event had been "the other way"—presumably with Iranian skyjackers—"you would have

PENTAGON TOLD OF 'NUCLEAR WINTER' THREAT

A scientific report to the Pentagon released yesterday concludes that a major nuclear war could blot out sunlight with tons of smoke and dust, causing a months-long black "nuclear winter."

The cautiously worded National Academy of Sciences committee report said average temperatures over Europe, North America and the Soviet Union could plunge by as much as 45 degrees for six to 20 weeks, and that the effects of the nuclear winter on the survivors of a nuclear exchange would be severe.

The report was less horrific than predictions by other scientists who have concluded that even a minor nuclear exchange could cause the winter effect.

Howe's secret meeting is Geneva pointer

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

THE secrecy surrounding yesterday's lengthy talks between Mr Shultz, American Secretary of State, and Sir Geoffrey Howe was a strong pointer to next month's Geneva meeting between Mr Shultz and Mr Gromyko being the main topic.

The meeting was held at the Foreign Secretary's official country home, Chevening, in Kent.

As Mr Shultz confirmed during a Press conference before flying to London from Washington the American position at the agenda-setting session on Jan. 7-8 remains undecided. Sir Geoffrey:

Make or break

The issue which could make or break the Geneva meeting at the outset is the American Strategic Defence Initiative, better known as Star Wars, which President Reagan and the Pentagon certainly back. Tests of an advanced American anti-satellite weapon are due to begin on March 1.

But the Russians are going to Geneva with the main aim of stifling the whole Star Wars concept before nuclear-weapons development is lifted into a new dimension where they are behind and which would be astronomically costly for them to follow.

If the Geneva talks do break down over Star Wars, there would be intense recriminations from the West Europeans, who want to see movement towards ending the escalation in European missiles such as cruise and the Soviet SS 20.

Two things emerged yesterday from British officials and from Mr Joe Clark, the Canadian Foreign Minister, who is also a member of the Geneva talks.

Publicly at least, the Nato allies have decided that Star Wars and the agenda for the Geneva talks is a matter for superpower negotiation.

Wrong signals

They have also agreed to the importance of not sending the wrong signals to the Kremlin, whether via Mr Gorbachev or some other means.

They will avoid encouraging the Russians to think that they will get any concessions before it is agreed that talks on the whole broad range of nuclear arms control will go ahead following the agenda-setting session in Geneva.

That means, for instance, that stopping the deployment of Cruise and Pershing II will not be acceptable as a condition for talks, although it will be up for negotiation once they start.

It may mean, too, that the Americans will not be in a rush to announce that they are holding back from testing anti-satellite weapons or putting Star Wars into cold storage.

There and the other allies are well aware that the Russians have agreed to come to Geneva after failing to stop cruise deployment and despite American wavering on the placing of Star Wars on the agenda.

Other issues were probably discussed, including counter-terrorism. But, unusually officials refused to list the topics in advance and said there would be no summary when they finished.

LISBON LEADERS END BICKERING

By Our Lisbon Correspondent

After weeks of bickering, Portugal's 18-month-old coalition government patched up its differences yesterday, averting an imminent collapse of the Socialist-led alliance. The truce should keep the government on its feet at least until the Summer.

The coalition must now tackle crucial public sector reforms to reduce the financial drain on the Treasury and also introduce measures to modernise the economy before Portugal's scheduled EEC entry in 1986.

PREMIER'S ACCIDENT

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

Iceland's Prime Minister, Mr Hermannsson, 54, an amateur carpenter, lost two fingers in an accident with an electric saw but Reykjavik surgeons have managed to reattach all but the tip of one of them.

Stalin, who died in 1953, remains a nationalist symbol and hero in his native Georgia, and Georgians in Moscow and other parts of the Soviet Union often display his picture in their homes or working places.

PEKING STEPS OUT

By Our Toronto Correspondent

A jammed lift bridge, which trapped 165 ships in the St Lawrence Seaway for up to 20 days, is now open, but shipowners are seeking millions of pounds in damages. The St Lawrence Seaway Authority is examining its insurance policies.

Ethiopia rebukes

West for slow aid assistance

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Addis Ababa

WESTERN governments sending food to Ethiopia were rebuked by its Marxist government yesterday for not responding sooner and not offering long-term development assistance.

The criticisms were made at a conference of donors called by the government in Addis Ababa.

The meeting was attended by representatives of 19 governments, the EEC and more than 30 voluntary relief agencies.

Envoy annoyed

A leading member of the Ethiopian Politburo, Berhanu Bayih, blamed the present famine and Ethiopian inability to feed itself on lack of development aid.

Then the nation's famine relief commissioner, Major Dawit Wolde-Giorgis, upbraided the international donors for not breeding Ethiopian warnings early this year that a massive inflow of grain was needed to avoid a famine.

The criticisms irked some Western ambassadors present in the hallroom of the Addis Ababa Hilton.

One Western diplomat said: "The effort to portray this as something the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission knew about all along and the donors were warned about is bunch of bull."

"At no time before the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Ethiopian revolution on Sept. 12 did the Ethiopian media make anything of the drought. All the publicity was about the formation of the Ethiopian Workers party."

The conference was called to present Ethiopia's request for some 1.5 million tons of emergency food aid for 7.7 million famine victims in 1985 and to seek international aid for agricultural rehabilitation and the resettlement of 300,000 families.

from drought areas in the next 12 months.

Western governments have shown reluctance to give development aid and are supplying emergency famine aid mainly through voluntary agencies.

Britain, America, Canada, Australia, Japan, France, West Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, the Netherlands, Italy, India, Greece, Finland, Belgium, Austria, Argentina and Algeria were present yesterday. Mississauga was Russia and other Eastern Bloc nations.

Lasting solution

Mr Berhanu called for understanding by the international community of Ethiopia's determination to find a lasting solution to the problems of drought and food self-sufficiency.

Reliefment was the only way to ensure a continued survival of people from drought areas.

Major Dawit said promises of the early 1970s of the poor nations the means to eradicate famine within a decade has turned to ashes in Ethiopia.

He added that the donor community had now responded generously at a late stage after Ethiopia had attracted its attention through the work of film crews and journalists.

Earlier yesterday, Mr David A. Korn, United States chargé d'affaires in Addis Ababa, signed an agreement for the shipment of around 40,000 tons of grain to Ethiopia. The shipment is part of the 215,000 tons promised by America in October.

Mr Korn described the agreement as "a milestone in our co-operation." He added: "I certainly hope that we can continue to develop this cooperation."

Moscow puts gloss on Stalin's victory image

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

THE approach of next year's 40th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany has brought forth in Russia an apparent readiness to spotlight the positive side of Stalin as a wartime leader.

His contributions as a Bolshevik revolutionary in 1917 are also increasingly acknowledged, while the dark truths of his purges, his decimation of the Russian officer corps and his fumbling in the days immediately after the German attack on Russia remain far-fetched ground.

Muscovites are flocking this week to the first public screenings of a filmed biography of Marshal Zhukov, in which he is shown saving of Stalin, shortly after Khrushchev denounced Stalin in 1956: "He was a great commander, I thought that before, and I think so now..."

Such pointers are not lost on a Russian audience but no one is concluding that Stalin is about to be fully rehabilitated.

His excesses remain unforgotten and un forgiven by many in the Communist party and especially by the intelligentsia.

Soviet officials speak instead of being "realistic" in dealing with history—although this approach does not extend even to publication of Khrushchev's 1956 secret speech rejecting Stalinism.

The whole generation has grown up in Russia knowing nothing of Stalin's purges except what may have been learned by word of mouth.

Georgia hero

Yet, while Stalin's name was hardly mentioned at all for many years, it is now occasionally seen in books or articles discussing aspects of his life which are no longer considered taboo.

Several recent treatments of the 1917 Revolution have paid tribute to Stalin's decisive role. The Sovetskaya Rossiya newspaper recently named Stalin among a group of revolutionary heroes whom it said were "sustained by Lenin's ideals."

Favourable references even beyond Stalin's immediate revolutionary or military leadership to include a recent discussion of his wartime economic policies in the party theoretical journal Komsomist.

Most Western observers believe a pragmatic decision to recognise the positive aspects of Stalin's achievements was forced on the Kremlin leadership by the coming commemoration of the 1945 victory, in which it would have been embarrassing to go on ignoring him.

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DAIRY CLASH LOOMS

Call to defer 'fines'

OUR AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE writes: Common Market Farm Ministers called in Brussels last night for payment of the first instalment of the penal "super levy" on excess milk production to be deferred until the end of March.

It put the policy-forming Council of Ministers on a collision course with the Brussels Executive Commission, which is taking an unusually tough stand on the move to bring costly dairy surpluses under control.

The Commission last month insisted the first instalment to countries whose dairy farmers had exceeded the quota limits should be paid by the end of this week.

The Commission meets today to consider this new appeal. For Britain, the sum is some £600,000 for excess production by Ulster dairy farmers.

165 SHIPS FREED

By Our Toronto Correspondent

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RELAPSE RIDDLE FOR BHOPAL GAS VICTIMS

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

HUNDREDS of patients believed to have been successfully treated in the gas-stricken city of Bhopal have suffered relapses which doctors fear could be critical.

Many of the cases are displaying new symptoms, and hospital doctors say the percentage of relapses could be as high as 75 per cent. of patients treated, cured and released last week.

Many who already have lung oedema and now feared to have developed perforation of the membranes, which will put them on the critical list again.

Doctors at the Hamidia Hospital said last week that infection of the lungs could weaken membranes and make victims more susceptible to viral pneumonia. About 125,000 people have so far been treated.

The latest development has given a new urgency to the search for an antidote for those poisoned by the methyl isocyanate gas which leaked from the Union Carbide plant last week, killing at least 2,250 people and affecting a further 200,000.

Runaway reaction.

Specialists and drug scientists rushed to Bhopal have been joined by doctors flown in by Union Carbide, but they have so far failed to suggest a 100 per cent. successful antidote.

Union Carbide revealed on Monday that an internal safety report made two years ago on the Bhopal plant found so many lapses that inspectors predicted a "runaway reaction" similar to the leak on December 3. The report was distributed at a Press conference at the company's headquarters in Connecticut.

Most chemists and scientists have rejected the possibility of phosgene having mixed with the gas, but professors and research workers of Nagpur University strongly believe this did in fact happen.

Doctors in Bhopal are also puzzled by the disparity in the symptoms of patients who suffered only minor exposure. Reactions have been delayed and, apart from the usual eye and throat irritation complications, they have developed malfunctioning of the central nervous system, including motor mechanism.

Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity were among the first outside voluntary workers to reach Bhopal, 360 miles south of New Delhi. The nuns are working almost round the clock at the Hamidia Hospital tending patients, particularly children and orphans.

Mother Teresa, 75, the Nobel prizewinner, yesterday met victims, talked to doctors and visited an orphanage to see children whose parents are missing after the disaster.

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh and the local

Union Carbide fights to stem shares slide

By TONY ALLEN-HILLS in New York

THE future of Union Carbide, the world's seventh biggest chemical corporation, remained uncertain yesterday as the company embarked on a strategy of damage control to boost investor confidence and limit stock-market losses.

Almost \$1 billion (£651 million) has been wiped off the company's market value since the tragedy at Bhopal last week.

Yesterday Union Carbide sought to stem safety worries about its American operations by inviting reporters to tour its pesticide plant at Institute, West Virginia — almost identical to the Indian operation.

But stories continued to fall on the New York Stock Exchange and some analysts speculated that the company, which produces consumer items like batteries and Simoniz car-care products, may never regain the ground it has lost.

Yesterday's tour of the methyl-isocyanate plant at Institute came shortly after the company released a 1982 survey showing that the Bhopal plant had suffered from severe safety and equipment problems in the past.

While most of the problems cited in the survey were said to have been rectified before last week's tragedy, there were doubts over the status of a faulty valve designed to prevent a "runaway reaction" of toxic methyl-isocyanate gas.

Potential leaks

Reports provided by Unim Carbide's Indian subsidiary said that last June the Bhopal plant was still waiting for a replacement control valve to be delivered. There was no indication of whether it actually arrived.

Among failings that inspectors found at the Bhopal plant in May, 1982, were potential leakage of poison gas from storage tanks and the possibility of dust explosions in the production system.

Union Carbide was told by its Indian subsidiary that these problems were corrected. The company, clearly stung by criticisms that it has been forthcoming in providing information about the Bhopal plant, provided reporters with full documentation of the safety studies.

Meanwhile on the financial front analysts are continuing to debate what the disaster means to Union Carbide's financial health.

Some believe the company's \$200 million (£166 million)

Astiz arrest worries other officials

By CRISTINA BONASSEGNA in Buenos Aires

THE arrest of the Argentine Navy captain Alfredo Astiz, concerning the disappearance of a Swedish girl in 1977, threatens to become a key issue in the thorny relations between the nation's young democracy and armed forces.

Astiz was arrested on Saturday on the orders of a federal judge investigating the disappearance of Dagmar Hagen, 17. She was last seen alive at the Navy School of Mechanics' detention centre.

The evacuation is being contemplated seriously, according to official sources, in the event of Government and Union Carbide scientists failing to find a "zero risk" method of destroying the 30 tons of methyl-isocyanate still stored in a tank at the plant.

The tank has so far remained intact under constant treatment from nitrogen. A leak from an allied tank containing 40 tons led to last week's tragedy.

Scientists led by the Director-General of Scientific and Industrial Research, together with technicians from Union Carbide and the World Health Organisation, have still not found an absolutely safe method.

They noted that two tons of the 40 tons had leaked, causing the world's worst gas disaster.

Working with them is Mr Warren Woerner, one of the Union Carbide technical experts who helped design and set up the plant.

Doctors walk-out

The other alternatives being considered were either to resume production of insecticides was used up, or to ship it to the United States. Both options would take at least a fortnight.

Mr Arjan Singh, the Chief Minister, conscious of the possible reaction to the factory being reopened immediately, ruled out the question of conversion of the gas into the end-product.

Bhopal has a population of nearly a million. The gas disaster affected the thickly populated Casabah areas with a population of nearly 250,000.

As officials worked on the contingency plans for an evacuation, to allow the gas to be defused and released into the atmosphere, the local administration began commandeering large numbers of buses, lorries and other vehicles.

Officials said at least three days' warning of the evacuation would be given.

The main Bhopal hospital treating victims was virtually paralysed by a walk-out by 700 junior doctors and interns yesterday.

The walk-out happened after a Bhopal city councillor allegedly assaulted a senior doctor at the Hamidia Hospital for discharging a gas-stricken patient.

Hawke reshuffles Cabinet as Left applies pressure

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

MR HAWKE, the Australian Prime Minister, caused a political surprise yesterday when he announced his new Cabinet. Of the 27 members, only nine remain unaffected by a major reshuffle.

But no new blood has been introduced as a result of factional deals within the Labour party.

Walsh, who formerly held the Resources and Energy portfolio, takes over Finance.

The inner Cabinet has been enlarged from 15 to 17, making room for Mr Brian Howe, a member of the Socialist Left whose old portfolio of Defence Support has been scrapped.

He will now be one of two Ministers responsible for Social Security. His elevation to Cahoot rank is a result of a deal arranged between Left and Right factions of the Labour party at the weekend, giving the Socialist Left two of the 17 Cabinet seats.

Although two seats in the House of Representatives are still in doubt, and the result of several Senate seats may not be known before Christmas, Mr Hawke is likely to have a majority of about 16 seats in the House of Representatives, far fewer than he expected but more than enough for comfort.

If the caucus meeting which preceded the announcement of the new Cabinet is any indication, Mr Hawke's principal cause for discomfort may come from within the party.

The Left was especially critical of the election performance and let it be known it would want much greater emphasis on social reform and disarmament in the new Parliament.

He is replaced by Mr Kim Beazley, who is 35 and, like the Prime Minister, a former Rhodes Scholar.

Mr John Dawkins, the former Minister for Finance, becomes Minister of Trade, and Mr Peter

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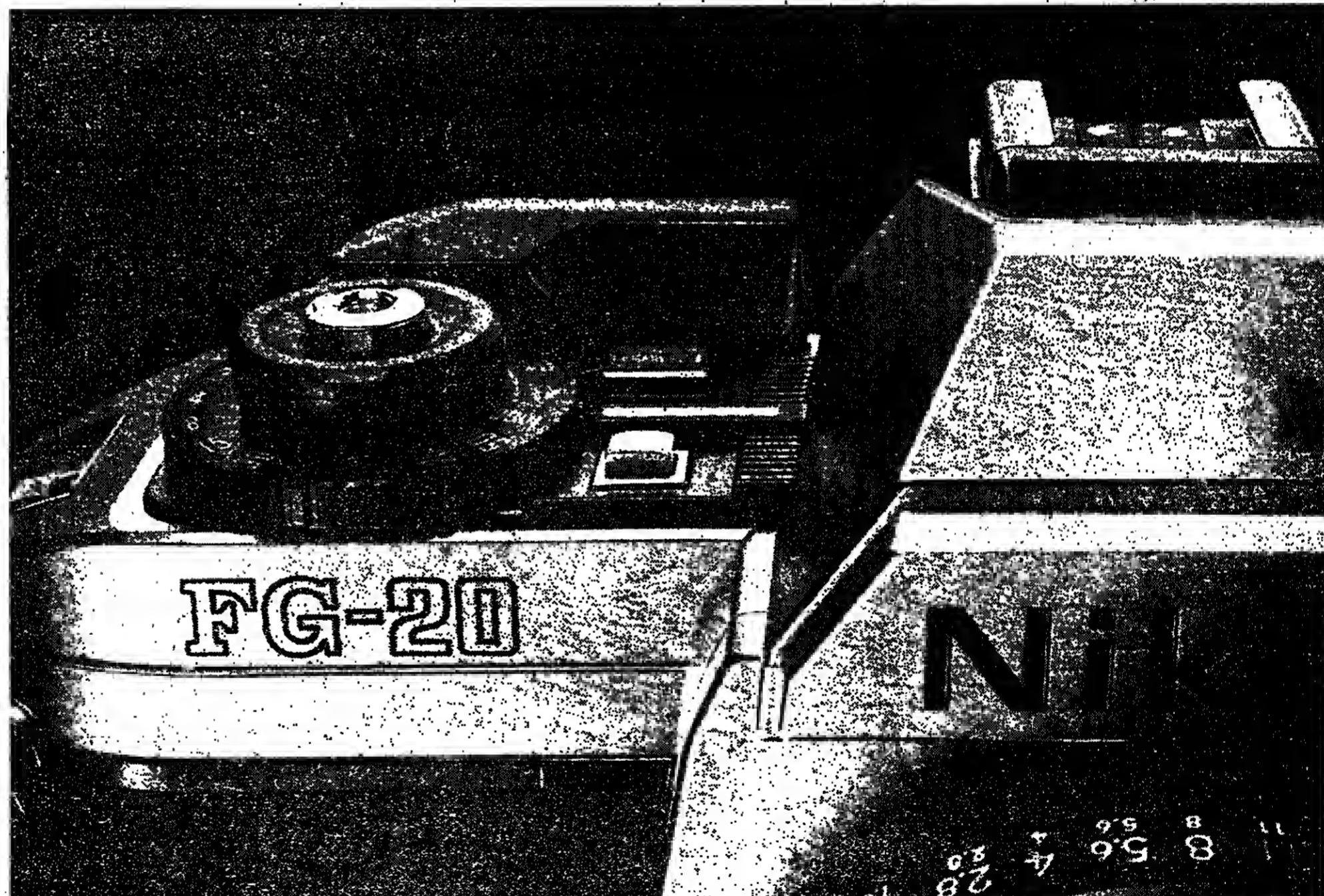
BUS PLUNGE KILLS 9

By Our Belgrade Correspondent

At least nine people were killed and 18 injured when a bus plunged off a road into a 600-foot ravine, 90 miles south of Belgrade, Yugoslav police said yesterday.

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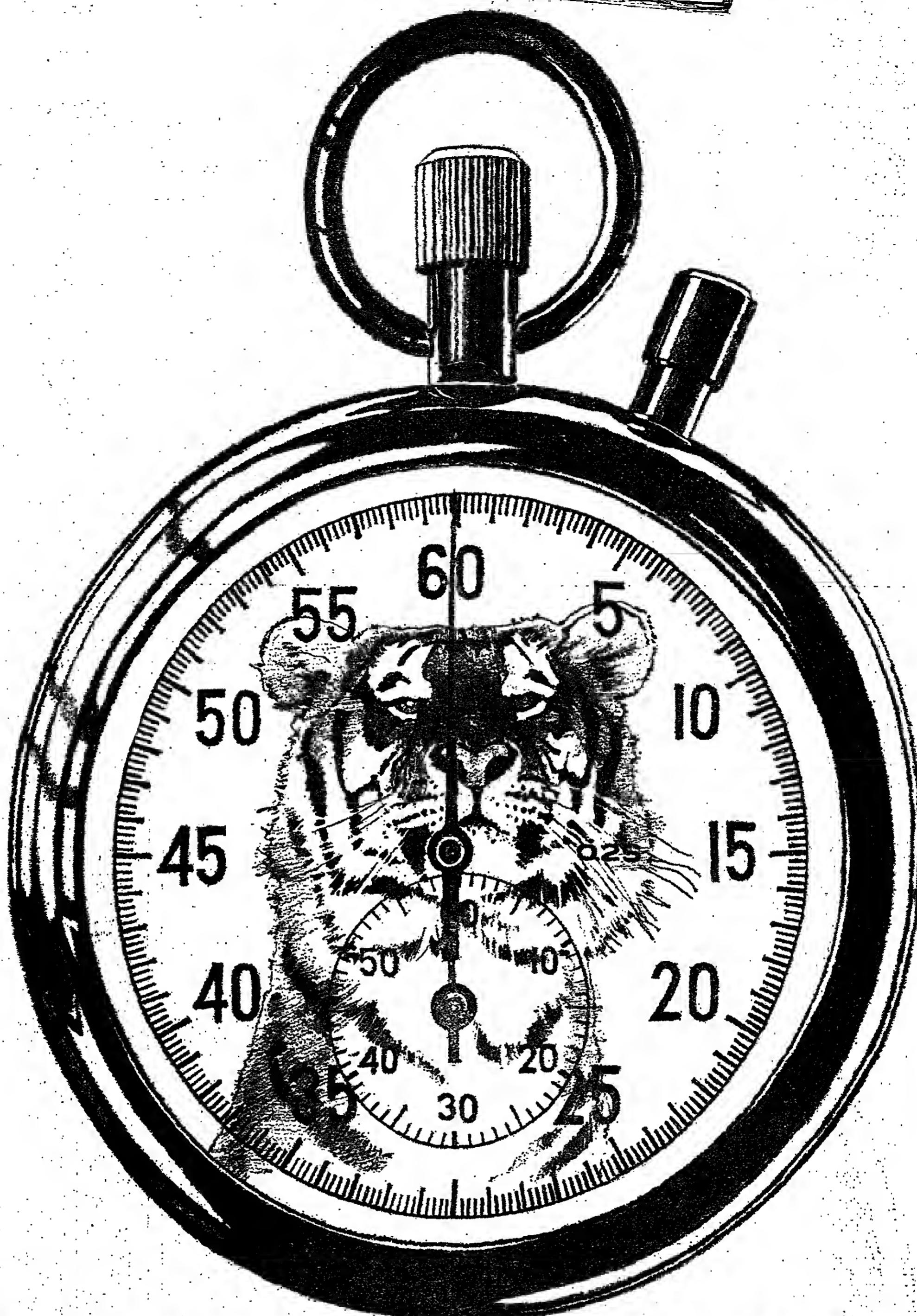
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SHAKE-UP BY GOVERNMENT ON BUYING AIMS TO SAVE £400m

By ROLAND CRIBBEN Business Correspondent

A SHAKE-UP in the way Government departments buy goods and services to produce savings of £400 million a year on items ranging from paper clips to computers was announced yesterday by the Earl of Gowrie, Civil Service Minister.

Departments will set targets to reduce waste and inefficient buying, and a new high-powered central unit, headed by a top purchasing executive from the private sector, will co-ordinate changes.

Lord Gowrie said the savings on the current £7.5 billion a year non-defence purchases could be achieved within two years by giving "Cinderella" operation higher priority.

Government departments will soon press to sharpen their methods of buying to produce better value for money for the Government and the taxpayer.

The scope for savings in Whitehall departments is being reviewed by a team from the Cabinet's management and personnel office, which carried out an investigation into the way nine ministries handle buying.

It shows that lack of coordination, insistence on special standards, excessive stocks and low priority given to the purchasing rule is wasting millions of pounds a year.

The report says the Ministry of Defence is buying bread at 6p a loaf cheaper than the Home Office. The two departments buy five million loaves a year and if the Home Office got the same terms as the Ministry it would save 14 per cent.

Special requirements

The Stationery Office found it could cut printing costs by £400,000 a year by using less expensive paper. But special requirements demanded by the Defence Ministry for standard products added 50 per cent to the costs.

Savings of £250,000 a year are in prospect for better planning in departments involved in buying vehicles and vans for the Defence Ministry.

Suppliers should be asked to hold stocks rather than departments to reduce costs and deliveries made only when they are needed.

The new unit, which is being set up with the approval of the Prime Minister, is expected to be five strong, with three of the executives recruited from the private sector.

The report says that adopting

Government purchasing, Stationery Office, E5 4E3.

ing more aggressive purchasing methods and adopting private sector practices could mean an average reduction of 5 per cent and up to 20 per cent, in some cases in departmental buying costs.

Administrative costs could be cut by around 10 per cent, a year or over £10 million, while storage and distribution overheads could be reduced by 2 per cent, and produce a once and for all saving of £100 million.

Stocks of non-strategic goods are estimated at over £5 billion while departments are spending over £100 million a year on travel services and on Post Office, Giro and bank charges.

The report identifies four main areas where improvements are needed. Departments should buy more standardised goods and services rather than the best possible available.

New unit

Better communications and planning in departments on purchasing needs could iron out differences on goods being bought while buyers could do more to inform themselves about suppliers and their products to improve competition.

Departments are also urged to do more to reduce the costs of regular purchases by taking into account cost and maintenance charges.

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Child tax allowance urged

By DAVID FLETCHER
Health Services Correspondent

REPLACEMENT of the £6.85 a week child benefit by a child tax allowance is being urged on the Government by the Institute of Directors.

In a submission to the DHSS benefits review it said the proposals would confer substantial advantages without inflicting losses on anyone.

Its proposal is that working parents should be given a child tax allowance of £1.27 for each child—the gross tax equivalent at the basic rate of income tax of 52 weeks of child benefit at £8.50 a week (and raised last month to £8.85).

The plan would have the major advantage of lifting some lower-earning families above the level where they need pay any income tax at all and so overcome the much-publicised problem of the poverty trap.

Widespread concern

It would result in a married man with four children, for example, paying no tax on the first £7,503 of income. At present he starts paying tax at £2,785.

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LEARNING HOW TO GET A JOB

By MARGOT NORMAN
Education Staff

BASIC numeracy and literacy are not the first priorities for employers hiring school-leavers, according to the biggest survey so far of what employers want from the schools.

The first thing employers look for is simply an ability to learn.

Second comes the ability to communicate and get on with others. Numeracy and literacy are third, and fourth comes "an understanding of the wealth-creation process."

An important myth dispelled by the new consultation exercise organised by the Association of Chambers of Commerce among its 50,000 members is that employers set too much store by examination results.

Profiles needed

They don't, or at any rate schools would provide more information about pupils. The problem is that employers too often have only examination results to go on. They are anxious to see pupil profiles introduced as soon as possible.

Chamber of Commerce members are pleased with Sir Keith Joseph's drive for curriculum reform, but they caution that the process is being approached the wrong way round.

Backing Sir Keith's search for a "core curriculum," they say for most secondary schools now offer pupils too many options and it is time to restrict the available choice of subjects.

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Sir Keith Joseph: search for a "core curriculum."

the list against what the schools provide.

If the curriculum review is to be made continuous as we recommend, then it is not too late to correct this emphasis," the employers say.

On examination reform, they say: "Employers are frankly bewildered by the present array of courses, course providers and methods of assessment."

Fewer options

The reforms should ensure comparable grades across the country, uniform levels of achievement from year to year, and a standard numeracy test for all.

The employers also expect any belief by teachers that a industry wants academic subjects dropped in favour of training in industrial and commercial skills. "Employers are looking for trainable rather than trained recruits."

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Domestic airliners

face huge rise in landing fees

By Air Cadet G. S. COOPER Air Correspondent

THE British Airports Authority is proposing an overall increase of five per cent. for landing fees at its seven airports—but charges for domestic flights by commuter aircraft are set to rise by 244 per cent after consultation with the industry.

The move towards a flat rate charge at Heathrow followed the agreement reached with the major international carriers after they took the airports' authority to court for setting charges at Heathrow that were higher than justified by the cost of running the airport.

Mr Steen is asking the Government to tell the airports' authority to withdraw the proposed increase in landing fees from Heathrow to regional airports is blatant discrimination against one of the quietest of aircraft—the Shorts 360.

Not only can the aircraft not be heard beyond the airport perimeter, but it is also one of the principal products of the Northern Ireland economy.

£4m factory for Laura Ashley

By IAN BOYNE

A 130,000 sq ft factory is to be built at Newtown, Powys, for Laura Ashley, the clothing and fabric manufacturer with a £4 million contribution from the Development Board for Rural Wales.

The custom-built textile finishing plant is expected to create 500 jobs. The firm had said it would expand its operations in Holme, unless sufficient aid was available in Wales, where it is based.

A spokesman for the rural development board said yesterday that Laura Ashley would spend almost £1.500,000 on services and machinery for the factory. The Environment Agency had put up £500,000.

The development board is to rent the factory to the firm on an annual basis, but the rent was confidential, said the spokesman.

The Welsh Office is to give aid for Laura Ashley to expand further at a site in North Wales, at either Wrexham or on Deeside. It plans to set up a garment-making unit which would create 200 jobs.

A Welsh Office spokesman said details of the amount of aid are due to be released in January.

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Going Dutch on new car prices

WHATEVER THE list prices say, prices of new cars could go down next year in real terms as moves are made to bring the British market more closely into line with the Continent.

With no sign of a truce in the price war, two leading authorities have been predicting an intensification of competition in the months ahead. If the Chancellor, Mr. Lawson, answers the motor industry's prayers by making even a token cut in the 10 per cent. special car tax, sales would be further stimulated. Then everyone, presumably, would be happy.

British prices are likely to be brought into line with West German or Dutch levels, rather than the artificially low levels in Belgium and Denmark, according to Prof. Krish Basakar, director of the motor industry research unit at the University of East Anglia. He has predicted that British prices are likely to start to fall when the new EEC block exemption regulations come into force on July 1.

Under these regulations, manufacturers will be able to retain their existing distribution arrangements with exclusive, franchised dealerships provided price levels are brought well into the spring.

My Christmas books

PRODUCTION of British cars may have slumped over the years but there is no sign of a cut back in the output of books about British cars — quite the reverse. For the lighthearted Christmas reader, it is the world's most famous car, and its owners. It would be hard to beat "Rolls-Royce — the Complete Works," described as the best 599 Rolls-Royce stories by Mike Fox and Steve Smith (Fabre paperback, £5.95).

Sometimes it's difficult to separate fact from legend but this is surely one scene where truth is often stranger than fiction. I like the one about the Owner (they always spell it with a capital "O") in Texas who is thought to be the only one with his own petrol station in his drive — his drive is 172 miles long. We are also told that the famous number plate "RR 1" was sold in 1968 for more than the price of the Silver Shadow attached to it.

The growing band of Jaguar enthusiasts will certainly enjoy "Jaguar — the complete illustrated history," by Philip Porter (Frederick Warne, £14.95). That other famous British

more closely into line with the rest of Europe. Any loss of profit will to some extent be offset by increased demand, he believes.

Volvo Concessionaires' chief executive, Mr. Peter Turnbull, is forecasting a small increase in total sales next year to around 1,750,000 compared with about 1,740,000 this year. He sees the market being held at this level by a continuation or even an intensification of discounting and incentivisation, effectively reducing the real price of cars.

"We see this trend continuing not only for 1985 but for the foreseeable future, certainly until such time as either through market forces or EEC intervention prices in the UK level down to those in Europe." While UK prices remain higher than average and the six major European manufacturers continue to fight for European market domination, the UK will remain a major battlefield. Volvo claims that its prices in Britain are already closer to European prices than some of its rivals.

No manufacturer can afford to have its customers holding back in the expectation of lower prices a few months ahead, so I expect the dealer bonuses and special incentives to continue well into the spring.

John Langley



You'll have to wait for your Mercedes

IN TODAY'S highly competitive conditions most new cars are more than competent and quite a few are very good, but a new model of all-round excellence is still uncommon. After driving the latest range of medium-sized cars from Mercedes-Benz, I am sure they will join this elite group.

It is a mark of their manufacturer's confidence, not to say arrogance, that they invited us to drive the new cars almost a full year before right-hand-drive models reach Britain. Lesser makers might feel nervous about the effects that would have on selling the superseded models, meanwhile, but Mercedes appear to have no such qualms.

One reason could be that the new model, when they arrive next October, will be significantly more expensive than the present Mercedes middle range, which goes from just over £10,000 to around £17,000.

"We have put more into this car than any previous Mercedes," the company's car development manager, Mr. Friedrich Van Wiesen assured me. The medium-range is of major importance, accounting for about half of Mercedes's production, and the same proportion of its sales in Britain.

The new cars look like larger versions of the 190, with similarly nimble handling but an even better ride. Compared with the existing middle-range cars, they are also lighter, significantly more economical and faster, without compromising comfort or safety. They have softer, more aerodynamic lines and more space in the back and in their high boots, but like every Mercedes ever made, are still recognisably Mercedes.

The smallest diesel version, with built-in under-shield, has a drag coefficient of 0.29, lower even than the Audi 100. As well as the existing four-cylinder petrol and diesel engines, there are new five-cylinder, 2.5-litre and six-cylinder three-litre diesels, encapsulated to reduce noise, and a range of new single-cylinder petrol engines, of 2.6 and 3.0 litres.

The only weak spot I detected on two of the cars was an occasional twitches in strong sidewinds when driving fast on exposed roads. When it comes to traditional interior trim, Rolls-Royce and Jaguar still have the edge — the shiny wood finish looks out of place on the new Mercedes's centre console. But the attention to detail is still awe-inspiring — rear head restraints that can be lowered out of sight by pushing a button on the fascia, three sun visors and an impressively effective single windscreens wiper which clears 86 per cent of the screen compared with only 78 per cent previously. Oh, and even the windscreen washer nozzles on the bonnet are electrically heated to prevent freezing.

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Mexican exhilaration

THERE could hardly have been a more vivid illustration of the way a conductor can affect even as adroit a body of players as the London Symphony Orchestra than the startling contrast between the startlingly non-committal lethargy for Gilbert Kaplan in Mahler's Second Symphony or Sinfonia, and its frenzily revitalised energy at the Barbican on Monday night in response to the inspired Mexican conductor Eduardo Mata.

The stresses and strains of

Dvorak's Seventh Symphony were conveyed with an exhilarating cogency and astute re-reading muscular strength the weight of this the most Brahmsian of his symphonies strenuously underlined, but without compromising its distinctive Bohemian accent.

The highly charged, yet instinctive and specifically musical virtues of that exhilaratingly idiomatic performance had already been anticipated, however, by the virile thrust and surge that they brought to

Strauss's "Don Juan," its hero again aptly presented as a man not only of super-human vigour, but of an irresistibly warm, impassioned seductive power.

And no less adept were conductor, and orchestra alike in the lively elegance of Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for oboe, clarinet, horn, and bassoon, with the leaders of the respective sections as the four soloists.

Robert Henderson

Susan Kessler, Geoffrey Parsons

BREAKING a lance for Brahms is not always popular with realists these days. It was a pleasure to hear the mezzo Susan Kessler firmly supported by Geoffrey Parsons start her Wigmore Hall recital on Monday night with a substantial group of his songs. She showed a new found ability to colour, and give meaning to, her words in such emotive pieces as "Vor dem Feuer" and "Klage," and evinced a great turn of pace in "Blode Kub."

The result was rather unexpected. Far from dominating the orchestra, the chorus seemed to sacrifice much of its character and natural bloom in order to blend with the instrumental ensemble, and in the fugal choruses the counterpoint was delivered not with the incisiveness and spirit the music invites but with a muffled quality that too often belied the sentiments of the text.

This absence of exhilaration permeated much of the performance until the conductor Brian

Wright allowed his choir to sing out to the final "Worthy is the Lamb" and "Amen." In keeping the voices under strict dynamic control, moments of anticipated drama were generally subsumed in Mr Wright's larger plan of a briskly paced, not specially pointed reading, marked by some plain (and not wholly tidy) orchestral playing and by singing that was neat but spiritually deflated.

Surely, above all, "Messiah" should ultimately generate the overwhelming joy with which Handel imbued the music. Heroic, the compromise between tradition and performing practices appropriate to Handel's own day seemed to dull that very sense of rejoicing.

Geoffrey Norris

THEATRE / Carrier Frequency

Doomed sextet

RUSSELL HOBAN is well-known as a maverick novelist with extraordinary powers of visual imagery. His gift for telling a story has made him not only a prize-winning children's author but one Harold Pinter is adapting for the cinema.

His first venture into the theatre, both quirky and off-beat, develops a disturbing image typically Hoban, hypnotic and worrying. But it tells no story. "The Carrier Frequency" at the JCA, The Mall, does however echo the fable of Orpheus and Euridice with special reference to a Rilke poem about the singer who went underground to bring back his beloved from the dead.

The setting, designed by Simon Vincenzi, shows ladders and scaffolding rising out of a vast and desolate underground pool. Here three men and three girls with long red hair, all silent throughout, perform strange water tasks at a shrouded table, or else listen through headphones to garbled radio messages of "love and despair, mors and sports, riots, rallies, hymns."

Once, one of the girls sings a psalm. The fragments I picked up from the speakers suggested a post-technological wasteland after the bomb. The survivors, moving under the compulsion of ever-louder music and machine-noise, enacted obsessive rituals of praying, falling back into the water, saving one another and letting themselves go in frantic demonstrations of terror and panic.

Make of it what you will, the eyes are held by the nightmare shared by the doomed sextet. My own education was conditioned by Bill's moving poem, where Endora does not wish to come back to earth; she is already half-absorbed into the

John Barber

Sleeping Beauties

Six ballerinas of the Festival Ballet will dance the principal role of Louise in its Christmas production of "The Nutcracker" from Dec 26 to Jan 16 at the Festival Hall.

Patricia Ruane, Janette Mullan, Lucia Trigilia, Mary McKendry, Andria Hall and Jacqueline Barret will alternate in Ronald Hynd's production.

There will also be two guest artists, Eva Evdokimova and Katherine Healy.

John Barber

Exchange singer

By Our Arts Staff

David Barrell, a 26-year-old baritone from Lincolnshire, has been chosen to be the first British-American London Symphony Orchestra scholar to go to New York for a year of study at the Juilliard School.

This new scheme initiated by the American LSO Foundation provides for an outstanding student from the Royal Academy of Music to go to New York every two years to return for a Juilliard student who will come to the Academy.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Dec. 11.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, today visited the Household Cavalry Regiment at Hyde Park Barracks.

Her Majesty was received on arrival by Silver Stick in Waiting (Colonel James Hamilton-Russell) and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher D'Oyley).

After witnessing a display in the Riding School, The Queen visited The Life Guards Squadron Stables (Mounted Squadron Leader, Major Nicholas D'Ambrum) and The Blues and Royals (Royal Horse Guards and 1st Dragoons) Squadrons Stables (Mounted Squadron Leader, Major Gavin Tweddle).

Her Majesty later met Service families and visited the Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers. Afterwards, Her Majesty honoured the Commanding Officer with her presence at luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

After luncheon, The Queen witnessed a performance by the Household Cavalry Quadrille, under the command of Major Edward Barclay, in Hyde Park.

Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robert Fellowes and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Right Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P. (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Master of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, this morning attended a Court

Meeting, and afterwards was present at luncheon at the Clubholders' Hall, London, EC4.

Her Royal Highness, President of the Save the Children Fund, this afternoon visited Fairfield House School (Headmaster, Mr John McCann) at Broadstairs, Kent.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received by Lieutenant-Colonel Angela Cobb (Deputy Lieutenant for Kent).

Mrs Andrew Foden was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE, Dec. 11.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Royal Jubilee Trusts, this morning at Buckingham Palace chaired a meeting of the Administrative Council.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Shrewsbury Multi-Skills Youth Training Scheme, Castle Court, Castle Street, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness, Patron, the National Rubella Council, visited the Royal National Institute for the Blind Conference Hall, School, Conover, near Shrewsbury.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, R.N., travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE, Dec. 11.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a premiere of the film, "The Last Starfighter", held at the Leicester Square Theatre in the hands of the National Society for the

Forthcoming Marriages

Mr F. I. M. Hazel and Miss C. R. Warrender

The engagement is announced between Captain, youngest son of the late Captain and Mrs Harry Hazel, of 33 Ormonde Gate, London, S.W.3, and Carolyn, elder daughter of the Hon. Robin and Mrs Warrender, of Widcombe Manor, Bath.

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WEDDING

Mr E. N. Ridley and Miss W. A. Hand-Bowman

The marriage took place on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1984, at Tunbridge Wells, followed by a service of blessing at St Dunstan's Church, Mayfield, Sussex, of Mr Richard Nicholas Ridley, son of John Ridley of Chelstow, Gwent, and Mrs Dennis Hand-Bowman, daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Hand-Bowman, of Crowborough, East Sussex. The reception was held at Hever Castle, Kent.

RECEPTION

Anglo-Jordanian Society

The Ambassador of Jordan was among those present at a reception held this evening at the Palace of Westminster, for members of the Anglo-Jordanian Society and friends. Sir Frederic Bevan, M.P., Chairman, and officers of the Society's Council were hosts.

SERVICE RECEPTION

Director of Movements (RAF) Air Commodore E. Bright, Director of Movements (RAF), and officers of his Directorate held a reception last night in the Henry VIII Wine Cellar, Main Building, Ministry of Defence, Whitehall.

SERVICE DINNERS

9th/12th Royal Lanciers

The annual dinner of the officers of the 9th/12th Royal Lanciers (Prince of Wales) was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club last night. The Colonel of the Regiment, Maj.-Gen. J. M. Brockbank, presided.

RAF Staff College, Bracknell

The Commandant, Air Vice-Marshal G. A. White, and officers of the RAF Staff College, Bracknell, held a ladies' guest reception yesterday evening to bid farewell to the students of No. 78 Advanced Staff Course.

The Commandant presented the Brooke-Popham Prize to Squadron Leader M. L. Simpkin and the Andrew Essex Prize to Lt-Col Tatsuki Hosokawa of the Japanese Self-Defence Force.

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Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is President, was present at luncheon at the Clubholders' Hall, London, EC4.

Mrs Robin Benson was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE, Dec. 11.

The Duke of Kent today presented the Design Council's Schools Design Prizes at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London, SW1.

Captain Charles Blount was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, as President, today attended the Congregation of Awards Ceremony at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, and in the evening attended a concert by the Students of the College.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Voice of the Cathedral Apostles, attended the Duke of Kent, will attend Christmas celebration at Westminster Cathedral on Dec. 18.

The Widow of Duke of Somersett wishes to be known as Jane, Duchess of Somersett.

A memorial service for Major Sir Francis Michael Leigh will be held at the Guards Chapel, Piccadilly, on Saturday, Dec. 19, at noon.

Mr R. G. F. Brodin will be spending Christmas abroad this year, and will not be sending any Christmas cards. She wishes all her friends a happy Christmas and New Year.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Mr Richard Wilkins is 71 today; Lord Borwick is 67; the Rt Rev. Dr. Wakelee, Bishop of Southwell; Mr John Osborne 55; and Mr Clive Thornton 50.

Mr P. W. Bradley and Miss M. A. Browne

The engagement is announced between Peter William, younger son of the Reverend Kenneth and Dr. Merle Bradley, of Evesham, Worcestershire, and Melinda Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Browne, of Grovelands, Hereford, Shropshire.

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TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Andrew Brooks, in the British Drama Group, and Reading Repertory Theatre, Liverpool, will be performing at the Old Vic in London on Dec. 13-15.

Christopher Hitchens, author of "The Trial of the Chicago 7", will speak at a luncheon held yesterday in Kensington by the Kensington Conservative Club. Dame Diana, Lady Mountevans, presided.

KELLY COLLEGE, TAIVSTOCK

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Is This Your Problem

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So once again the shade of Europe.

Dinners

Prima Minister

The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a dinner given on Monday at 10 Downing Street, in honour of the Centre for Policy Studies. The dinner was given by Sir Keith Joseph, M.P., Lord Young of Graffham, Viscount Birkett, Lord Catto, Lord Lester of Herne Bay, Lord Reay, Lord Rennick, Mr. Robert Clark, Sir James Dugdale, Sir Trevor Lawrence, Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Peter Howitt, Mr. John Ross, Mr. Peter Goldsmith, Dr. Michael Gibbons, Mr. Tony Goss, Mr. Michael McNeil, Mr. David Patten, Mr. Peter Ridsdale, Mr. Simon Weston, Mr. Ian Woods, and Dr. David Wilcock.

Institute of Directors

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Nigel Lawton, M.P., was the speaker at the annual dinner of the Institute of Directors held last night at Grosvenor House. Sir John Heslop, Director-General of the Institute, was in the chair.

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators

The Lord Mayor, Sir Alan Trask, and Mr Kenneth Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Minister for Health, were present at the annual dinner of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators held at Guildhall last night. Mr. Kenneth Jacques, President of the Institute, presided. Other guests were the Lord Lieutenant of New Zealand and the Ambassador of the Irish Republic and the High Commissioner for Australia.

Institute of London Underwriters

The Lord Mayor, Sir Alan Trask, and Mr Kenneth Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Minister for Health, were present at the annual dinner of the Institute of London Underwriters held at the St. Ermin's Hotel, Strand, on Dec. 13, at noon.

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EVELYN LAYE, BRINGING THAT OLD MAGIC TO THE PANTO



Picture by SRDJAN DJUKANOVIC

EVELYN LAYE in the Eighties: rehearsals for "Babes in the Wood." This year at Chichester. With her: back row, Anthony Hampton [left] and Greg Saunders; front, Lorraine Mayfield [left] and Claire Fox.

BY CAROLYN SLOAN

STYLE is something actress Evelyn Laye has on and off stage. She rinses her handkerchiefs in rice-water, "never starch," to make them crisp. And she wanted to be interviewed over tea at the Ritz. "I like occasions, don't you?" she said disarmingly.

She reminisced happily, did a hilarious but affectionate impersonation of Nellie Wallace and then talked about "Babes in the Wood," her first pantomime for more years than she can remember. It opens at the Chichester Festival Theatre on Friday with Miss Laye as the Fairy Queen.

She had been up at 7.15 a.m. that morning to get ready to rehearse in a YWCA hall with the Bad Robber, Spike Milligan. People today, she has noticed, wear anything for rehearsals.

"Mr Cochran would not approve! We 'Young Ladies' always arrived at the stage door correctly dressed, with hats and gloves, and then changed into our practice clothes."

Now does she intend to throw by the predictably unpredictable Mr Milligan. "I love working with comics," she said, chuckling omniously, "and I can gag back—I've had to."

Pantomimes, with The Crazy Gang gave her

plenty of practice. "They used to back the horses' bottoms up against the kitchen window when I was doing my solo. But I got my own back."

On the last night she appeared in their "throwing-buckets-of-water" routine, and the water was freezing cold.

Although Miss Laye swears she will spend Christmas—her one day off—with a half-bottle of champagne, she loves the family atmosphere of pantomime. Her own mother, Evelyn Stuart, was the principal hoy of her day—she played pantomime at Christmas, 1889—and the young Evelyn was born the following July.

At 17 Miss Laye was principal girl at Portsmouth, by 19 she was a Gaiety leading lady, and in the Twenties she became the golden girl of London and Broadway, consolidating a string of successes with immoderate triumph in "Madame Pompadour" in London and "Bitter Sweet" in America. She was treated like royalty; it was orchids-and-champagne time, with millionaire admirers and an exotic lifestyle.

In London people queued up to 26 hours to see her on stage. Her theatre dressing room had a coal fire, grand piano, dining table and chaise-longue. She drove an early Lagonda and ordered hand-made silk lingerie.

In 1938 she revolutionised pantomime by appearing as the first masculine principal hoy in "Sleeping Beauty." Doris Zinkeisen designed her costumes to disguise her feminine shape, experts devised new hairstyles and make-up, and she introduced new props, a snuff box, spy-glass and whip.

"I liked fighting," she



EVELYN LAYE, Forties version, as principal hoy to "Cinderella" at His Majesty's Theatre.

explains, "with swords. I made it a character part based on chaps I'd known in Hollywood. And I took mannerisms from Frank [her late husband, Frank Louton—he was such a fascinating man.]

It was controversial, it worked and the pantomime ran till Easter. Tom Arnold took a whole train of principal boys to study the new phenomena, which has been copied ever since.

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to the famous Gaiety girl Ruby Miller. It became a catchphrase between them and, in 1958, the title of her autobiography.

Like all good theatre stories, it has laughter and tears in abundance. The glitter of stardom is tempered with toughness, memories of haunting agents' offices for work, killing bed-bugs by gas-light in touring digs with Dodie Smith—and grim has-been years in the Fifties when she had to tour second-rate variety halls and was hooded in Belfast.

Her sensational comeback in "Wedding in Paris" was greeted with happier "Broos" as loyal fans shouted her pet name. She was back to stay.

At a deceptively young 84, she is writing "a funny book about old age, with no self-pity. People today expect so much. They expect to be happy, but happiness comes from inside. They expect to be made successful, but you must make success for yourself. I'm a lucky woman. I'm rich in the right way."

In 1929, an Irish-born policeman stopped the New York traffic for her. Today she can command the only free taxi in the Piccadilly rush hour. The driver grins broadly. "Inve are you feeling, Miss Laye?"

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Master of the dolls...

UNDERSTOOD that E. J. Taylor was an elderly gentleman with a penchant for making puppets. He turned out to be a young painter/sculptor/designer/illustrator whose Christmass figures for Tiffey's, the famous New York store, are now on show at the Barbican Centre, to London.

"The store's directors have a policy of using young artists who wouldn't get a show elsewhere," he told me.

"As a kid I was fascinated by marionettes and puppets," said this shy perfectionist who has recently turned to writing and illustrating children's books to make a living.

"Although he has made masks and puppets for ballets like 'The Nutcracker' and Broadway shows, his work is so unusual and not immediately accessible that few but the most eccentrically discerning would want to buy it."

It may be brilliantly clever but would rarely be described as beautiful. E. J. almost accepts this.

"As my aunt said about the figures when we met again after many years, 'I know they are supposed to be good but why do you have to make them so damned ugly?'" In fact E. J. gets so involved with the figures he creates they turn into people for him.

"I was commissioned to write a book about doll-making and I made two rag dolls for the first chapter. Then these two personalities, Ruby Buttons and Violet Pickles, emerged."

"Bit by bit they came to life and I was looking for a place for them to live." Thus the books emerged, two at present; another due out next month and a fourth later in 1985. Sensitively illustrated and ingeniously old-fashioned, they are selling on like hot figures—extraordinarily well.

The two dolls live with a retired nurse called Miss Biscuit in her Cottage somewhere in the Country. "I suspect the books are about my childhood memories. My grandparents lived in the hills in Oregon, my father was a salmon fisherman, and my mother came from a logging family. It was a childhood of fishing, woodstoves and strawberries—like a real rural life."

His exhibition at the Barbican Centre consists of five tableaux. Each figure is incredibly detailed, the faces seeming almost real. And they might be better described as three-dimensional dressed dolls than tiny dolls or puppets.

The heads and hands are fashioned from fired clay and the figures built up from paper-mâché on a wire armature. "I used a vast assortment of fabrics and furs, most of which I found in second-hand or junk shops. The wooden for the house took me a year to find and I had to pay £40 for an antique doll's piano to get them."

This kind of attention to detail is typical of the artist. Even the fur round St Nicholas's silk velvet coat is accurate, this time found in a New York thrift shop.

E. J.'s art is curious but compelling. Visitors to the exhibition at the Barbican Centre until January 6, admission free, should also find his enchanting books on sale. Published by Walker Books, they cost £4.95.

MILLIONS of pounds worth of toys are, as usual, crowding the stages all over the country and the choice is as always bewildering, from giant soft toys to electronic marvels with stereo sound, from delicate dolls to construction kits for monsters.

While adding 16 more programmes to the 21 available with the original toy computer, the new one includes music and sentence-making—and even a compressed piano keyboard for the child to make up its own tunes. The new module, costing about £18, is available as is the original machine at many shops including Boots and W.H. Smith.

"The Good Toy Guide" (A & C Black, £5.95) is

and sticks out his tongue. Tiny children literally squirm with anticipation as they wait for his antics.

Older children and even adults, according to the toy guide, can become addicted to playing with the Tomytronic Sky Attack, which won an award in the USA for the best electronic game of 1984. An even more exciting version is Tomy's Stereo Sky Fighter. The 3-D effect is enhanced by an additional screen with a landscape. The two bi-planes circle and loop each other, waiting to get on the tail of their opponent and each plane and each machine gun has its own distinctive sound. It's a toy that nobody seems able to put down and our 14-year-old tester described it as "very difficult." The price is from £20 to £27 at Boots, Woolworths and Hamleys.

Although electronic toys are still popular, there is a quiet return to imaginative die-cast models even if they end up being turned into robots. The most unusual among these are the ingeniously-made cars and trucks which can be turned into robots in seconds.

Called Robo machines and made by Bandai, they need as many as 58 different manufacturing operations to assemble them. The smaller versions are around £2, the bigger DX machines around £8 and they make splendid toys, particularly for grown-ups.

Now that so many children are enjoying playing with home computers the selection of tapes available is growing enormously. Those which do more than offer the obvious games are particularly good and four of Hill MacGibbon's tapes were selected by the Book Marketing Council as offering outstanding merit. Punctuation Pete strolls along the text drooping in your punctuation marks: make a mistake and he will run back and point them out. Designed for 40K spectrum and Commodore 64, the tape costs about £10 from branches of W.H. Smith.

Another tape for the same price, called Ballooning, tests the basic scientific skills of observation and experimentation. I found it incredibly difficult and was constantly crashing the balloon, but no doubt a child will pick it up to play with.

Like teddies and dolls, pull-along toys have been around for generations of children. Squeaky Sam offers a different interpretation as a push-along. Squeezed the hulk and air pressure incites him across the floor with a caterpillar action.

TOYING WITH SOME GOOD IDEAS... AND SOME THAT ARE REAL STINKERS

THIS most odious toys on the American Christmas market this year are "stinkies." These are dolls priced at two dollars (about £1.60) that have apt names like Rotten Eggs, Bad Breath, Sewer and Outhouse.

A report put out here in Washington on toy quality and safety listed other "trash bio" toys, such as those breakable with liquid harmful to the skin and one on sexual trivias, described as more suitable for an adult hooker's stocking.

Rather more imaginative, although still on the warning list, is the Blood-sucker, a red ball-point pen at four dollars.

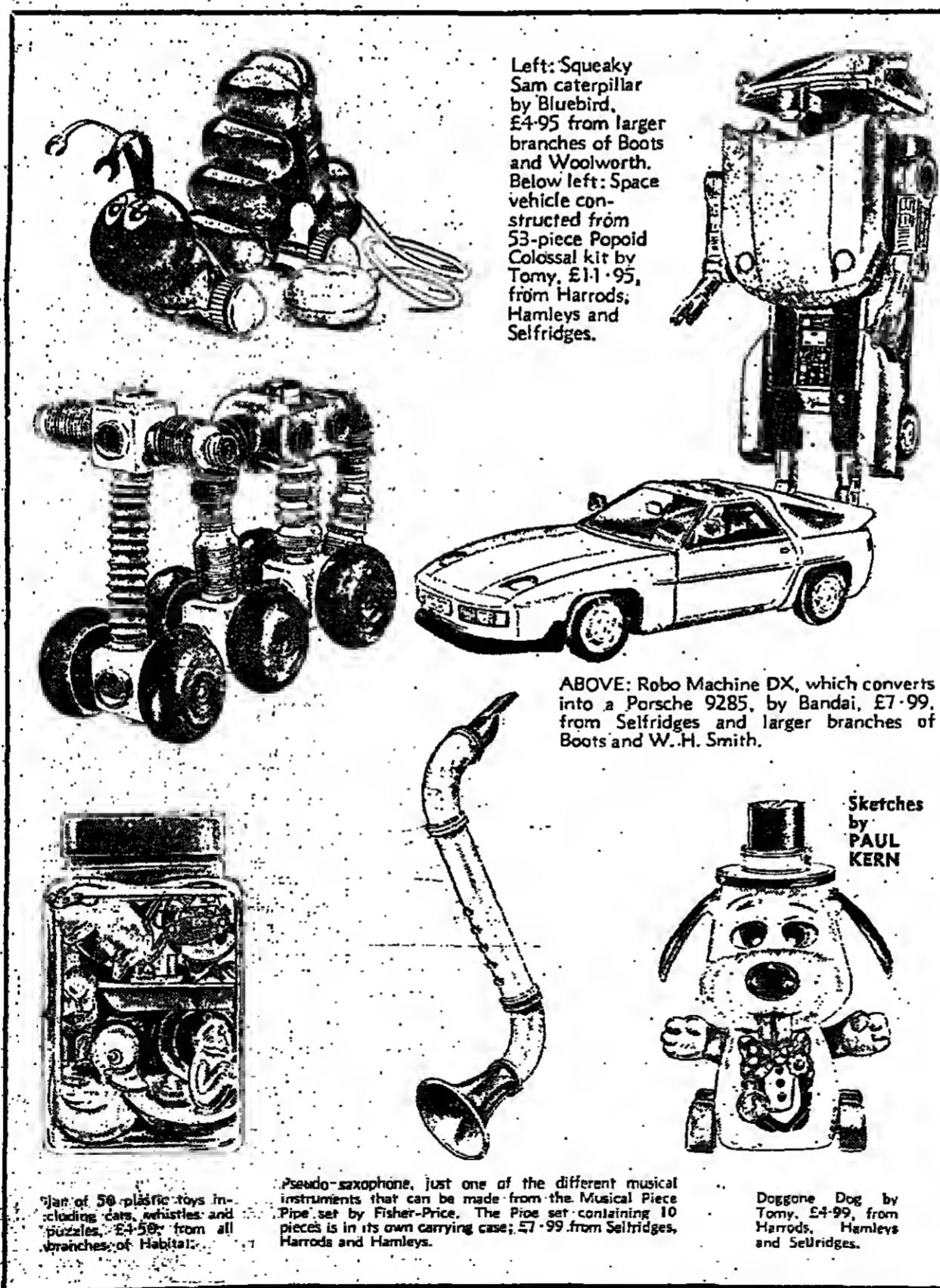
(£5.20). It seems to suck blood and then writes with it.

Robots are the most popular item this year and some are said to be dangerous but others, like Super Gobots by Tonka and Deception Cooverter by Hasbro at fifteen dollars (£12), were recommended.

These "transformer" toys can turn a robot into a truck, car or plane and back again. Toy-shop owners say the forty-dollar (£52) models sell just as fast as the cheaper ones.

Cabbage Patch dolls, with their plain, appealing faces are also prominent in letters to Santa Claus.

Betty Yoklavich



Above: Robo Machine DX, which converts into a Porsche 928S, by Bandai, £7.99, from Selfridges and larger branches of Boots and W.H. Smith.

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Left: Squeaky Sam caterpillar by Bluebird, £4.95 from larger branches of Boots and Woolworth. Below left: Space vehicle constructed from 53-piece Popoid Colossal kit by Tomy, £11.95, from Harrods and Selfridges.

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spite its cost of around £50, was immensely popular when it came out last year and now the company has brought out a new expansion module which is actually programmable.

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equally entertaining again in the top ten—is the Piece-Pipe by Fisher-Price. Sold in its own neat carrying case, this is a versatile musical set which can be built into three separate wind instruments or just put together in different ways to make a variety of sounds.

It certainly makes less racket than those piercing trumpet noises so favoured by children on Christmas morning.

Another of the top ten

is an endearing animal

called Doggone Dog. Push

down the top of his head,

wait and then he flaps his

ears, pops out his nose



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MR LAWSON'S FIRST TASK

ONLY NINE MONTHS AGO, the Chancellor, Mr NIGEL LAWSON, was the hero of the Tory backbenches. His coherent and imaginative first Budget appeared to bring to an end a miserable period for the Government, characterised by drift, minor incompetence and bad luck. In the glowing aftermath, Mr LAWSON, previously considered by his colleagues to be rather a remote figure, was talked about as a future Conservative leader. However, if the Chancellor's star was in the ascendant last spring, it did not remain there for very long.

During the summer recess a change of mood overtook the party in Parliament. MPs who had been prepared to accept the doubling of unemployment between 1980 and 1982 as a necessary shake-out of over-manning, restrictive practices and outmoded forms of production were shocked to discover that despite 3 per cent growth in the economy and inflation in low single figures, the dole queues were beginning to lengthen again. Most of them had never previously considered the possibility that unemployment would continue to rise for the whole of the new Parliament. When they did, they found the prospect deeply disturbing.

In recent weeks, the party's anxiety has become more articulate and directed. In particular, a series of speeches and public utterances by the Chancellor have provoked mounting criticism that the Government was complacent and uncaring. Mr LAWSON has adhered resolutely to the view that the policies in place were the right ones and that while he had every sympathy with the plight of the unemployed, there was a limit to how much this or any Government could do to help them. Sufficient numbers of new jobs would only be created, the Chancellor frequently reiterated, if people with jobs did not insist on pricing others out of work by demanding excessive pay settlements. The Government could only hope that by exhortation and gradual reform of the inflexible British labour market, wage bargainers would begin to behave more responsibly.

In a way, the Chancellor deserves respect for his fastidious refusal to offer false hopes or peddle quack remedies. He may, however, be guilty of conveying a rather greater degree of fatalism than is either politically wise or strictly necessary. Without undermining the medium-term financial strategy or being forced to adopt policies which it does not believe to be sensible, there is a great deal more which the Government could be doing to demonstrate that it shares the concern of those on whom it depends for support. As he begins to prepare his second Budget, Mr LAWSON's overwhelming priority must be to use the money he has at his disposal to provide additional help for the unemployed. Nothing less will do.

HONOURING AN ASS

A GOOD DEAL of rather repellent hypocrisy is floating round on the subject of what moral claims the law has on our obedience. On Monday, Mr GERALD KAUFMAN bombinated on the depravity shown by Mrs THATCHER in silently acquiescing in the illegal Sunday trading of big department stores while condemning the lawlessness of the NUM. Yesterday, the Prime Minister amply repaid her momentary omission; but Mr KAUFMAN's point was never particularly impressive. There really is no parallel between the deliberate defiance of court orders designed to defend established civil rights and the flouting of an anachronistic law almost unanimously regarded as unworkable and absurd.

Nevertheless, this whole matter requires some elucidation. No one is morally obliged to invoke the civil law to defend all his rights against the invasions of his neighbours: we are none of us under moral compulsion to bankrupt our debtors; but, if we decide to enforce our rights, the courts must enforce and uphold our claims. Even the ancient legal adage which, being translated, says that there shall be no punishment without a crime is not to be confused with the converse proposition that there shall be no crime without a punishment. It is impossible at any time in any community to enforce the whole of the criminal law, and judgments have to be made about when and where to turn a blind eye.

This dangerous but incontrovertible doctrine having been enunciated, let it be added that the action of some big department stores in jumping the gun by anticipating contentious legislation on Sunday trading is an ostentatious piece of insolence offered at a time when the law is in need of friends. The firms concerned should not be allowed to get away with it.

DILEMMA IN DURBAN

THE THREE FUGITIVES who have been holed up in the British Consulate in Durban for three months seem resigned to leaving, though they will almost certainly be arrested by South African security police. They will, however, not be arrested under the detention orders which led them to seek refuge in the British consulate. The South African Government has cancelled these orders and will now charge the three fugitives with high treason. To an outsider the distinction may seem slight but in South African terms it is very great. The point is that the only way the South African Government can now proceed against these men is through the courts.

The British Government, which faces abuse from the fugitives, and no doubt from the Labour Opposition, can comfort itself that it has helped the cause of justice. The higher South African courts are remarkably free and will at least accord these men greater justice than the South African police would have done under detention orders. It may be argued that it is wrong for the British Government to have played such an intimate role in the affairs of another country. But what else could it have done but offer refuge when the fugitives (there were then six of them) originally threw themselves at the mercy of consular officials?

As for the three fugitives, they only do themselves great harm when their spokesman, Dr FAOUK MIREK, says that the British Government has been "parasitised by its own greed and self-interest" and "is not on the side of democracy". This is said of a Government which was constrained to accept the position of an unwilling host and whose consular activities have as a result been disrupted for three months. The objective outside world may think that these fugitives are being a little shrill and ungrateful, however shining their cause may be, and that the British Government's conduct, if not always wholly competent, has been wholly honourable.

How CND tries to undermine Britain's defences

IN line with traditional practice, the Home Secretary, Leon Brittan, has refused to confirm or deny whether he has authorised any interception of CND's mail or telephone calls. There are, however, some very good reasons why the authorities might want to keep an eye on some of CND's activities.

Christmas is almost here and the trees are on sale. By Twelfth Night they will be due for demolition. But the telephone trees will remain.

"Telephone trees," more accurately described by an exponent as "spreading ripples," is a term not widely known. Neither are telephone blockades.

But all these terms are well known to members of CND, or more specifically its subsidiary Cruisewatch.

The telephone is an important weapon in the CND aim of tracking cruise missiles as they are moved around the country, with a view to preventing their deployment in an emergency. CND has protested against allegedly illicit opening of its mail and telephone tapping and disruption. The Post Office, apparently hammed, apologised and sent £100 "good-will payment."

Today the "Commons" Home Affairs Select Committee, which is investigating activities of the Special Branch, will hear detailed complaints from the National Council for Civil Liberties and CND about alleged infringements of their civil liberties in connection with Cruisewatch and other activities.

In passing, it should be noted that, while many CND members are decent, well-meaning people who simply are deeply opposed to nuclear annihilation, it has been deeply penetrated by Left-wing activists. Its recent conference avoided condemning Russian SS20 missiles. The new balance of power in CND will not be clear until its new executive is elected shortly.

AGAIN, Miss Sarah Pepper, CND membership secretary, complaining of alleged surveillance, said it was totally unnecessary as CND had no secrets and practised non-violence. Anyone, she said, could walk into their bookshops and, if they wanted, find out what they were up to. But CND keeps rather quiet, as far as the general public is concerned, about some of its activities.

Let us see what happened at the Greenham Common women. Their movement, founded by idealists, most of whom have left, has become something of an anachronism. Somewhat hysterical, fanatical for women's causes, some proud of sluttish behaviour, they have failed in their original purpose.

That was to prevent cruise missiles arriving in October, 1983. In fact the Greenham "wimmin," or "wyvern" as they style themselves, are not confined to Greenham. They have London offices and centres. They are highly organised.

Lord Tonypandy's royal retreat

IN A REMARKABLE personal gesture to his former Welsh tutor, Prince Charles has lent his holiday retreat of Tamari on the Isles of Scilly to Lord Tonypandy, the former Speaker, who is recuperating after treatment for throat cancer.

The much-admired Tonypandy, whose cries of "Order, Order" in that distinctive Welsh accent gave Commons broadcasting such a special flavour, is spending his last days in the four-bedroomed royal bungalow. That, perhaps, is just as well since he is forced to speak as little as possible.

The Scilly Islanders, I'm told, have taken the 75-year-old bungalow to their hearts in recent weeks. In turn the former Speaker has told them that he finds St Mary's "an extraordinary and beautiful place."

The special bond between Prince Charles and Tonypandy was forged when the latter, as George Thomas, Labour member for Cardiff West, gave Welsh lessons to the Prince before his investiture at Caernarfon in 1968.

Representative rudeness

THREE MANNERS of members of Parliament are being questioned this week by a Tory MP, John Watson, in their own journal, the *House Magazine*.

Of 100 MPs who accepted invitations to attend the British nuclear industry's symposium at the Inn on the Park last month only 24 turned up. Twenty sent apologies before the day, 11 on the morning, but some was heard of the remaining 48. Some of their hosts had travelled hundreds of miles for the event.

Watson considers their failure to explain their absence particularly unfavourable since they all have secretaries supplied at the taxpayer's expense who could have carried out the modest courtesy on their behalf.

In vino veritas

CLIVE JENKINS, general secretary of the white collar union, ASTMS, and chairman of the TUC's education committee, has invited fellow trade unionists to join him in his Camden Head office next week for a wine tasting.

"International Distillers and Vintners have fine wines they would like to introduce to senior trade union colleagues. They will have a Master of Wine there to introduce them," his invitation declares. Bon vivant Jenkins, whose union

That is where Cruisewatch and the telephone trees, now described by CND as "highly sophisticated," come in. So far, cruise convoys of various composition have left Greenham on the 10 occasions mostly by night. The largest, including four huge missile launchers, each capable of launching four cruise, comprised 26 vehicles.

None has carried live missiles. Moreover the United States Air Force and Ministry of Defence, who man and guard them, have to observe "tension indicators" in East-West relations. That means they do not go out when the Russians might get the wrong impression.

They wish to familiarise the public with the sight of convoys to minimise apprehension. But since cruise will only be deployed "for real," in a true emergency, far away from Greenham, it is essential to practice convoy movement, particularly on secondary roads where they have difficulties.

Usually, they have gone to Salisbury Plain or other sites in Hampshire and Wiltshire. Usually when they do so, Cruisewatch attempts to track them and publicise their own successes. Sometimes they have failed, not least due to American and local cunning.

It is suspected that the Greenham women might have night-sight equipment able to see the convoy forming up. Then the telephone trees are alerted.

The trees are prearranged networks of phone contacts. Once the first warning call is received locally or in London, it can proceed rapidly.

I have a Cruisewatch diagram of one tree. It consists of a circle of 50 women's first names and phone numbers, at home or sometimes at work, with the instruction: "Phone the next two." Because the system has been cracked by CND opponents, and at least one false alarm planted, safety precautions are included to confirm the genuine nature of the Services' preparations.

For the same reason, Cruisewatch is understood to have reorganized itself into cells to avoid disruption.

When a convoy sets out, a Greenham vehicle will try to trail it reporting from telephone booths where it stops. Berkshire and other local supporters try to join in tracking, or man key road junctions.

They hope if possible to stop a convoy, go along or returning, but so far without success, although exercise locations have been identified. CND Southampton has published a map, of which I have a copy, showing roads which cruise must use, with public telephone boxes and detailed guidance on exercise sites. A detailed map

of the same route is known in Whitehall as Emergency Service Routes. These are main roads not only in and out of London (Whitechapel Road is one), but throughout the country which would be closed to civilian traffic in a real emergency. CND and Cruisewatch, apart from trying to exacerbate natural public apprehension, have urged members to stage demos on them or obstruct them. They have published a national map of the routes and there are reasons to believe they would try to obstruct them in an emergency.

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diary used to feature an excellent vintage chart, play by his Union brothers and adds: "However, this is not a purely educational occasion! Frankly it is a Christmas frivolity."

New broom

FROM THE NATO headquarters in Brussels I hear that Lord Carrington, the new Secretary-General, has lost little time in making his presence felt.

Recently he not only rejected a brief for last week's defence ministers' conference but called a meeting on Sunday morning — almost unheard of at NATO — to get it right. Indeed I gather staff have now been told to sharpen up on procedures and pay more attention to their written briefs.

But Carrington, always the patrician, has not forgotten the first rule of leadership: knowing the staff. He has won considerable respect for keeping out and meeting many of the officials and ladies an active interest in the various NATO staff associations.

Back to plaque

MY NOTE recently about a mysterious plaque bought in a sale by a Chichester reader who wanted to find out where it originally came from, has elicited several letters and has a happy outcome as the plaque is now to be returned to its former site.

The plaque, bought by Bernard Grand-Ujeon, referred to a city curfew bell and a guildhall and most correspondents identified the location as Winchester.

A branch of Lloyd's Bank now stands on the site and the manager there, John Orman, has now reached agreement with Grand-Ujeon to have the plaque back. It will be placed in the outer office of the bank, which also still has the old pull for the curfew bell.

Pastoral matters

SIR JOHN WELLIS, the Tory MP for Maldonstone, found himself in some difficulty when, during a speech in the Commons tourism debate the other day, he lamented at the expense of London hotels and said: "I urge overseas visitors to sleep out of London and see some of our local beauties." The House, of course, fell silent.

Sir John, a veteran of 25 years at Westminster, countered in a flash: "I remind Right Honourable and Honorable members who are laughing that Charles Dickens made one of his characters say: 'Well, sir, everybody knows Kent, sir — apples, cherries, hops and women!'"

Silent partners

THE ADVENT of European Music Year which I mentioned on Monday may have prompted a rather conservative and penurious reaction in Britain where no extra funding has yet been approved. But the

of the base has been published in the CND magazine *SANIT*.

The women's trailing activities include creeping through forests to measure tyre tracks, to work out what vehicles are being used and checking on work done to improve roads and tracks to cope with convoys.

A girlishly enthusiastic account of the operations — and how they had apparently been thwarted by other agencies — was published recently by Polly Woolley, Cruisewatch co-ordinator. She described how her phone would go ominously dead in the middle of the night as she tried to activate the telephone tree; then fleeing to "safe houses" to use other phones, telling people to monitor roads or go to junctions at specified map references. She made herself sound like a wartime SOE girl.

Apart from the main telephone trees, a regional one is being set up by Amanda Forster of Peckham. All messages can be checked and confirmed. London members have a rallying point in Trafalgar Square. All this goes on in the dead of night. It all sounds like the Keystone Cops, if it were more serious.

One of CND's excuses for all this activity, which might be thought subversive, is to prove that, if they can do it, so can the Russians. But of course different cruise destinations are likely in a real emergency. Moreover, Cruisewatch, by tracking convoys, publishing maps and detailed reports and establishing a private intelligence organisation, is doing the Russians' work for them.

Cruisewatch and CND complain that on convoy nights, apart from any phone tapping, whole networks of phones go out of order. I have no doubt they do. Perhaps the authorities have been a bit clumsy. But who can blame them? If something like Cruisewatch had operated in the Falklands war the Argentines would have known the Services' preparations.

CND have another target too: what are known in Whitehall jargon as Emergency Service Routes. These are main roads not only in and out of London (Whitechapel Road is one), but throughout the country which would be closed to civilian traffic in a real emergency. CND and Cruisewatch, apart from trying to exacerbate natural public apprehension, have urged members to stage demos on them or obstruct them.

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Fiasco costs IRA an Army Council man and key arms buyer

10 years for gun-runners of the Marita Ann

By KENNETH CLARKE in Dublin

THREE IRA gun-runners went to jail last night for 10 years, trapped by a classic international security operation which caught them red-handed on board the trawler Marita Ann with the biggest IRA arsenal ever recovered.

Operation Leprechaun had everything — an informer, MI5, the CIA, high technology surveillance in mid-Atlantic, and ultimately a midnight ambush by the Irish Navy.

It not only cost the Provisionals the seven tons of arms, and the £1,500,000 which paid for them in America.

Yesterday it also cost them the services of MARTIN FERRIS, a member of its ruling Army Council, and JOHN PATRICK CRAWLEY, a former United States Marine and a key arms buyer who had purchased the trawler's cargo.

They were jailed at Dublin's anti-terrorist Special Criminal Court, together with MICHAEL BROWNE, 42-year-old skipper of the Marita Ann and a veteran Republican.

Suffering would be incalculable

They were convicted after a two-week trial at the no-jury court of illegal arms possession.

Two other men — JOHN McCARTHY, 26, and GAVIN MORTIMER, 25, both from Fenit, Co Kerry — were given five-year suspended sentences.

They were crewmen on the Marita Ann; and it was claimed they had no idea of its mission when it sailed to rendezvous 300 miles off the Irish coast with an ocean-going trawler which had brought the arms from the United States.

Mr Justice JAMES McMAHON said: "Ferris, Crawley and Browne had admitted in unsworn statements their involvement. They said the guns were not for use in the Irish Republic."

"But how the arms were used was a matter they would have had no control over whatever. Had the arms been satisfactorily transmitted to their destination it would be impossible to conceive the amount of suffering they might have caused," the judge said.

"IRA supporters in the public gallery" shouted. "Up the Troops," as the three were led away, "giving them handshakes salutes."

"But it has been impossible for the Provisionals to conceal the enormous scope of the setback which deprived them of 160 guns — including 90 Armalite rifles, carbines, pump-action shotguns, and machine-guns together with Korean-made hand grenades, rockets, night sights, telescopic sights, 71,000 rounds of ammunition and survival gear."

Watchful eyes of Irish police

Operation Leprechaun had its beginnings in late summer, when local police in West Cork and County Kerry, a hotbed of subversives, noticed increased activity among known Republicans.

The ports of Ardfern and Bantry were put under surveillance. Then information came in that this upsurge in movement was linked to a likely shipment of arms from America.

The tip came from U.S. Customs via the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Interpol to the Irish police and the British security services.

A trawler called the Valhalla had put to sea from Boston. An informed US American official said arms were on board. It was setting a course for Ireland.

Immediately, a joint naval-policeman task force was assembled at the Irish naval base in Cork under Det. Insp. Patrick Ryan and Lt-Cdr Brian Farrell, who was in overall command.

Three Irish Navy patrol vessels, half the country's fleet, with armed police on board, put out to sea on Sept. 24 in bad weather, to take up positions within the three-mile limit.

The operation was so secret that Insp. Ryan told to report to Cork thought it was a routine fishery protection sortie.

A Republican puts to sea

Lt-Cdr Farrell, aboard the 57-tonne Emer, received a signal that Michael Browne, an expert seaman and known Republican, had taken the Marita Ann to sea from the fishing port of Fenit.

Then British Intelligence began relaying information received via Interpol about the Valhalla's movements. The Americans were using a high-orbiting "keyhole" spy satellite capable, with its telescopic room lens, of picking up objects of less than 20cm in width.

Infrared meant that it would watch at night, and the precise movements of the Valhalla were relayed to earth.

It is also said that a submarine was shadowing the gunrunner.

On Thursday, Sept. 27, the satellite pictures showed the 87 ft Valhalla had beached



The three IRA gun-runners who were each jailed for 10 years in Dublin yesterday. From left: John Crawley, Michael Browne and Martin Ferris.

DRUG FIRM 'HYSTERIA' ATTACKED

By DAVID FLETCHER
Health Services Correspondent

DOCTORS and the pharmaceutical industry were condemned as "hysterical" yesterday, for their men's proposals to limit the number of drugs doctors may prescribe.

As it drew closer to the three-mile limit, naval ambushers extinguished all lights and imposed total radio silence.

In addition to the Emer, the patrol vessels Aisling and Endurance moved out of possible detection by the Marita Ann's radar. On the Emer, Lt-Cdr Farrell prayed that he had plotted the correct interception course, as he kept his boat hidden in the shallows near the Blarney Rocks, off the coast of Kerry, and waited.

Insp. Ryan had 30 band-picked policemen, armed and ready. Sailors, too, had drawn weapons from the boat's armament. They had been warned to expect shoot-out.

In the early hours of Saturday, Sept. 29, in heavy swell, Brian Farrell, who had made radar contact, began to move forward, still without showing any lights.

Four tracer rounds fired

When he was sure the 67ft trawler, which was flaunting the letters IRA on its side, was in territorial waters, Lt-Cdr Farrell surged forward, turned on the lights and, by radio, Aldis lamp, loudhailer and ship's siren, ordered the gunrunner to stop.

Powerful searchlights illuminated the red-and-white painted vessel, as Browne, regarded as a highly skilled seaman, tried to make a run for it. The Emer fired four rounds of tracer bullets across its bows, and the warning was heeded.

As it stopped in heavy swell, Insp. Ryan's boarding parties lowered Gemini rubber dinghies and sped across the water.

Guns were at the ready, but it was evident, said Insp. Ryan, that the five men on the trawler thought they had been stopped in an illegal fishing check and shouted that they had no fish on board.

By the time the inspector and his men had swarmed aboard, it was too late for the gun-runners to have gone for the loaded rifles, handgrenades and primed hand-grenades they had in the cabin and on the lower deck.

The Valhalla had off-loaded more guns. Despite his denials at the trial, police are certain that Crawley had sailed with the arms from Boston and transferred with them to the Marita Ann.

A man fascinated by guns, he was born in Chicago and lived in the United States until he was 14 before being brought to Ireland to complete schooling.

He joined the United States Marines in April, 1975, serving for four years in Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

He returned to Ireland in 1979, but left again last December and was in the United States from then until his arrest.

Big catch for security forces

His job was to buy arms. He arranged the Valhalla's shipment, paid for with £1,500,000 raised by American-based IRA sympathisers.

Martin Ferris, 36, from Ardfern, was an even bigger catch for the security forces. He has been heavily involved with the IRA for at least 10 years, and an Army Council member for the past two or three.

Believed to be the Provisionals' "commander" in South West Ireland, his former role as a member of the executive of Sinn Fein illustrates the inextricable links between the two organisations.

He was sentenced to 12 months in 1975 for membership of the IRA, and given the same sentence for the same offence the following year. In 1977 he was given a six-month suspended sentence and fined for assaulting a policeman.

Married, with five children and a wife currently pregnant, his job on the Marita Ann was to supervise the unloading of the cargo in safe houses and subsequently to IRA quartermasters.

Those guns could have started a small war, said one senior police officer involved in the case.

The captured weapons included a .50-calibre Browning heavy machine-gun, with a spare barrel and mounting complete with several thousand rounds of ammunition.

It packs the heavy punch of the IRA to be able to shoot army helicopters out of the sky.

DETECTIVE STOLE

Stephen Read, 28, a temporary detective constable at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, was sentenced to 18 months for assaulting a police officer two years ago.

He was originally charged with assault on a police officer, but the charge was dropped.

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Brazil likely to devalue

THERE are strong indications that a major devaluation of the Brazilian cruzeiro may take place.

Despite denials of the National Monetary Fund and of constant "no comments" from various authorities, a fresh tranche of \$400 million cruzeiros notes may be supplied.

Apparently, the Brazilian central bank in Rio de Janeiro has prepared an issue of 100,000 cruzeiro banknotes—on which the three last zeros will be cut off.

McCarthy rights

SPECIALIST retirement home builder McCarthy & Stone is making a rights issue of £16.7m at 5 p.c. convertible stock, 1998/2004, to finance the construction of residential care and nursing homes.

Turnover in the year to August 31 increased from £15m to £21.6m and pre-tax profits surged from £1.05m to £3.1m. The dividend is effectively unchanged from 1.6p to 2.175p a share with a final of 1.6p payable February 23.

The current year has started well and the board looks forward to another year with considerable confidence.

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IC Gas flares

IMPERIAL Continental Gas Association has pushed interim returns up 30 per cent to £12m pre-tax profit. This is almost entirely due to the inclusion of the group's interests in the Mauritanian North Sea oilfield which started producing in the second half of last year.

The interim dividend of 5.25p net against 4p is payable on Feb. 11.

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Aisher to retire

JACK AISHER, 74, is to retire as chairman of Marks & Spencer's holding products group at the company's annual meeting in May. Mr Aisher succeeded his elder brother and joint founder of the company, Sir Owen Aisher, in 1962.

He is due to be succeeded as chairman by Sir Robert Clark, who joined the company in July. William Courtney, the group's joint deputy chairman, also intends to retire from the board at the annual meeting for personal reasons.

Barlow in talks

MERGER TALKS are on between Barlow Holdings and Majedie Investments, two investment groups whose stock market value is around £57m. Barlow's bondholders can vote for a merger with Majedie on "the basis of asset values or for cash at a discount to asset value."

Cash will be available to a limited extent and, if elections are received for more than this limit, will be scaled down.

Prior's post

JAMES PRIOR, who resigned as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in September, is to join the board of United Biscuits on January 1. Since moving to the back benches Mr Prior has taken up the chairmanship of General Electric Company and rejoined the board of United Biscuits.

Superdrug expands

SUPERDRUG, on target for 211 stores by the end of this year, is planning to open at least 40 more in 1985. Next year it also says its second distribution centre, which the company says, will enable it to serve more than 500 branches.

Oceanics Group

OCEANICS GROUP is selling a number of ROVs (remotely operated vehicles) and related assets to Sea-Con Services for £25m.

Oceanics will continue to offer underwater remotely operated vehicle services concentrating on technical development and marketing of underwater survey packages and has entered into a co-operation agreement with Sea-Con relating to the provision of Sea-Con to the provision of ROV services.

Hampton Trust

HAMPTON TRUST, the London-based property and financial resources group is part of 25-35m for the Greywell Shopping Centre at Leigh Park, Havant, Hampshire.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM	178.50	+ 0.20
PARIS CAC Genl.	178.64	+ 2.62
BRUSSELS	158.42	- 0.99
FRANKFURT	1,084.00	+ 1.00
HONGKONG	1,118.38	+ 1.37
NEW YORK	1,178.33	+ 6.07
PARIS	181.00	- 0.70
STOCKHOLM	728.70	- 50.00
TOKYO	11,250.83	- 65.04
ZURICH	320.80	- 0.30

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Industrial Group	588.64	+ 1.62
All-share	630.62	+ 1.83
574.96	+ 2.02	

Price war if oil cheapens warns Yamani

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

NERVOUSNESS in the oil market increased yesterday as Sheikh Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister warned a price war would develop if North Sea charges dropped again.

Spot market prices eased further. Norway reaffirmed it was unlikely to take a haky stand until the day settled and Mr Buchanan-Smith, Energy Minister, made it plain the Government wanted to wait until "uncertainties" had cleared before deciding on changes in the North Sea price structure.

The discount between spot and official prices for North Sea oil widened again with Brent oil on offer at \$27.25 a barrel to deliver next month, compared to the \$28.65 price set by the British National Oil Corporation.

Reports that the State trading body was offering discounts produced another tremble for sterling with the pound ending the day 40 points down in thin trading at \$1.895. The trade weighted average eased 0.1 to 74.7.

B N O C strongly denied that it was giving secret discounts but intensive discussions are still under way about switching the basis of contracts from a quarterly system to a new one where prices are set more closely to spot market levels.

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12th December 1984

EXPORT ORDERS:

COMPANIES

Carlton Comm. calls for £13.2m

CARLTON Communications yesterday reported pre-tax profits for the year to end-September £8 p.c. up £5.5m and asked shareholders for £13.25m by way of a one-for-six rights issue at 40p.

Most of the money is to be used to buy a California video company, Abelco Video Systems, which makes a complementary range of digital video products.

Abelco will cost \$12.8m (£10.7m) of which \$1m (£1.25m) will be in cash. For its first half to end Sept, the American company reported pre-tax profits of \$600,000 on turnover of \$2.1m, but after reflecting profits of at least \$2m for the second half.

A final dividend of 4.5p, makes a total of 55 p.c. The shares rose 65p to 650p.

A B Engineering

ASSOCIATED British Engineering which was £652,000 in the red in the closing months of 1983-84, has lost a further £915,000 in the opening half this time compared with a £294,000 pre-tax profit.

It expects however to trade at around break-even in the second half and to return to profit in March.

All three divisions lost money with distribution swinging from an operating profit of £353,000 to a £20,000 deficit. This however was partly due to action taken by the group to resolve margin problems.

With a loss of about 3-55p (earings 3-25p) there is no interim (0-55p but no final).

A-R Television

BET member A-R Television has had a round turn-around in opening half profits of £1.2m.

A £280,000 deficit, struck after sharply increased losses of £1.64m against £287,000 incurred by associate Thames Television.

The associate's results were addressed at a meeting by joint disputees and will be reflected in its full-year profits, the group warns.

The interim dividend—sp last time—is being omitted.

Berkeley Group

BERKELEY GROUP's first set of interim results since joining the UK's largest housebuilder in 1983 show pre-tax profits of £506,000 on a turnover of £7.57m. Normally, two-thirds of this housebuilder's unit sales fall in the second half, but the current year is expected to reflect a more balanced sales pattern.

Earnings come out at 5-2p and the forecast 1-2p interim dividend is payable Feb. 15.

ICI Australia

FULL year net attributable profits from ICI Australia have jumped from £524.1m to £624.1m on turnover of £51.48bn (A\$1.56bn). Profits were struck after lower interest charges of £12.74m (£3.53m) but before net extraordinary items of £51.3m (loss £5.00m).

Earnings are up from 12 cents to 29 cents on the capital as increased by the one-for-three issue and the final dividend stay at 8 cents. Mergers for a 16 cents (15 cents) total.

Inn Leisure

INN Leisure Group, the pub house and wine bar operator quoted on the USM, has had another record year for pre-tax profits and turnover of £22.9m to £23.4m ahead at 27.54m.

The board says the 10% rise in last year's 21-5p (one-for-four rights issue) materially assisted in the acquisition of new operations and the current year should see the full benefit from this.

There is a same again 0-42p dividend from earnings of 2-65p (2-18p).

Lake & Elliot

LAKE AND ELLIOT, the engineering and foundries group, is back in the black. Opening half pre-tax losses were cut in half in the second, it went on to profits of £985,000 for a full-year output of £451,000 against a £1-28m loss.

Profits were struck after lower interest charges of £8.6m (£2.0m), write-down redundancy costs of £241,000 (£202,000) and other operating expenses £5.13m (£1.66m).

There are earnings this time of 4-3p losses 12.8p but again no dividend in 1984.

The board says that although there has been a healthy improvement in the group's financial situation it has delayed the decision to resume dividends until next year.

McCorquodale

MCCORQUODALE, the international specialist printers and Britain's leading chequebook supplier, has coded 1983-84 with pre-tax profits 11 p.c. ahead at £1.57m (£1.3m). It has taken account of charges and strong performances elsewhere, however, to enable it to maintain its recent unbroken growth record.

Redundancy charges associated with the changes taking place in the business have previously been charged above the line, but this time £100,000 of related costs for 1983-84 has been included in a £2.1m provision below the line.

The group has invested heavily in new technology across the

board and, although the opening half of the current year is likely to continue to be affected by its cheque printing activities, the benefit of this is expected to be fully brought forward.

The dividend is up 10 p.c. to 5-4p (flat).

McLeod Russel

A STRONG GROWTH in earnings is reported by plantation property group McLeod Russel for the 18 months to Sept. 30.

The pre-tax figure is £12.0m and the company is still 24.84p (up 1.07p) no interim dividend. Confidence future will show continuing growth both in turnover and profits.

D B E Technology Group

Pre-tax profits 28 weeks to Oct. 5 £114,000 (£24,000 for 25 weeks) and £51,000 (£5,000) for 12 months. Eps 1-1p (0-30p) no interim dividend. Confidence future will show continuing growth both in turnover and profits.

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Parkfield Group

First half pre-tax profit £110,000 (up 28.6%) turnover £2.1m (up 1.25p). Eps 1-25p (up 1-07p).

Interim dividend 0-8p (nil) payable Feb. 15. Second half results should be appreciably better.

Amalgamated Foods

First half net profits £150,000 (£116,000), after interest charges £1-26m (£1-09m).

MINING

Gold Fields

MAYER International

A MARGINAL fall in the housing industry's workload is one factor behind the dip in ongoing half pre-tax profits of timber producer Meyer International from £16.5m to £16.1m. This means a demand for the company's products and more competitive conditions, bringing trading profit down £1.1m to £18.3m.

The contribution from asset sales was also lower, at £2.2m (1.2m), and the company was back from £22.5m to £18.0m. Borrowings, however, continued to fall so that interest charges were £338,000 lower.

Interim, too, is up, from 1-65p to 1-8p, payable Feb. 11, and the forecast for the full year is still for results somewhat similar to 1983-84.

Plaxtons

WEIGHING in with as forecasted pre-tax profits of £1.96m (£2.92m) for the year ended September, Plaxtons (G B) adds a caption on the prospects that it is "in line" with the earnings of its coaching side.

An industrial dispute was not resolved until October, so the number of coaches available for sale in the early part of the current season was considerably reduced. Moreover, to make up for the loss of production, additional labour has been taken on and overtime worked and the competition is more severe. The 1983-84 final figure maintains the total at 4-5p (up earnings of 10p) to 15-7p.

Smith & Nephew

SMITH & Nephew Associated Companies, the wide-ranging medical products group, has weighed in with pre-tax profits of £5.6m, against £5.1m for the 40 weeks to Oct. 6 for earnings of 7-75p (6-51p adjusted r).

Sales to third parties advanced from £23.5m to £27.5m. Profits were after lower interest charges of £2.58m (£2.97m) and attributable profits from related companies were up from £1.25m to £1.95m.

The acquisitions of the remaining part of Smith & Nephew Iberica, Barcelona, to complete the group's ownership of H. M. Cote, Montreal, have been completed. The cost of these acquisitions totalled £6.5m.

Wolves & Dudley

PROFITS and dividend growth at Wolves & Dudley Breweries continue for the third year. Pre-tax profits are up from £12.5m to £13.5m and the total dividend is raised from 6-65p to 7-65p (7-5p final on Dec. 17 from earnings of 23.9p (£2.95m) to 24.4m (£3.1m).

The company has strengthened its market position in the West Midlands and expanded into Cheshire, Manchester, Leicestershire and Bristol. Between October and Christmas the group will have acquired five new outlets and opened eight brand new public houses.

Board looks forward to continued progress both in volume and profits.

IN BRIEF

WYDHAM Engineering: First half pre-tax profit £25,000 (up 1.25p). Turner £164,700 (£161,000). Eps 2-25p (3-58p). As usual, no interim dividend. Strong order book.

Smith Whitford: First half pre-tax profit £10,000 (less 2.41p). Turner £177,000 (£175,000). Eps 3-25p (plus 0-71p).

As usual, no interim dividend. Order book remains reasonably good.

Frederick Cooper: Full year pre-tax profit £452,000 (£422,700). Eps 5-98p (4-62p). Extraordinary items debit £153,800 (£82,300), including deferred tax adjustments. Final dividend 2-24p (minus 0-01p). Rotherham Steel: First half pre-tax profit £95,000 (£54,200). Eps 1-25m (£1.2m). Eps 2-25p (3-58p).

Strong order book.

Armadale & Rhodes: First half pre-tax profit

THE QUESTOR COLUMN

McCarthy strength in frail

SOONER or later retirement homes specialist McCarthy & Stone was bound to meet the problem of what to do with its residents who become too old and frail to live alone, albeit with a warden on the premises.

The answer, residential care and nursing homes, not only solves the problem but also promises to provide the company with the next phase of growth.

The company already has two such schemes about to get into the construction phase, which should be operative by next July. Four more are planned on sites already identified.

'At a cost of around £1 million a time, such schemes do not come cheaply. They increase the capital intensity of the business and take it into an area of management which, if not entirely unknown, is a substantial extension of its existing trade.

But if it can get the right rewards are likely to be very impressive, and the market is 19

To fund the move into residential care and nursing homes, the company is raising £10 million convertible loan stock through a rights issue at par. Shareholders should have no hesitation in subscribing.

Even without the new ventures, growth is running at an annual rate of about 30 p.c. In the year to August 31, profits have increased from £5.65 million to £6.81 million before tax on sales of sheltered homes numbering 737 against 492.

The group has been stepping up its pace of operations through the development of a regional structure, and is working on a 3,000 unit programme. Current year completions could emerge around 1,500 and profit margins, despite some other

builders moving gingerly into the market, are being maintained.

McCarthy is hoping to turn the competition to advantage by offering both construction management services and long-term "care" management to companies which balk at the idea of ongoing responsibility.

On the basis of current projections, group profits look on course for around £11 million to put the shares 50p off yesterday at 210p, on a prospective price/earnings ratio of around 15 times.

Given the growth prospects, it is not outrageous that current buyers are unlikely to be disappointed. The one worry is that McCarthy's position is the business of caring for the elderly inevitably gives it a high profile, and memories of Barratt's brush with a hostile television programme are still fresh.

Waddington a long-term hold

ODDISH bid tactics employed by British Printing and Communication Corporation for John Waddington, one bid, no extension, no increase, take it or leave it — have left the bidder at a profound disadvantage as the offer draws to a close.

Given another couple of weeks, Waddington's price might have drifted lower, possibly even below the 500p which B.P.C.C. is offering. But the offer closes tomorrow at 3 p.m. and it is most unlikely to be successful.

B.P.C.C. forecast—or rather made a "best estimate"—that Waddington would make £5.5

million for the current year to March 1985. Waddington's own forecast is slightly better, in both quantity and quality, at £5.7 million.

On forecast earnings, B.P.C.C. is offering an exit multiple of 8.7 times with no alternative which would allow investors to defer capital gains tax. The exit yield is just short of 7 p.c.

B.P.C.C. can argue that with its bid Waddington shares would fall back, and it is probably right. But since the share price is still 20p ahead of the bid price the fall is unlikely to take the shares much below the 500p level.

There is a fear that a disposal of the 23 p.c. stake held by the B.P.C.C. camp would undermine the group's position in the business of caring for the elderly inevitably gives it a high profile, and memories of Barratt's brush with a hostile television programme are still fresh.

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Investors in for the short term should, nevertheless, retain their stake in the market.

Those with a longer term perspective should hold steady. None need accept the offer.

This does, however, raise the question of where the B.P.C.C. acquisition machine will stop next. Could it be eyeing cheque-printer McCorquodale & Co., which produced results with a surprisingly beneficial impact on the shares yesterday?

Maureen makes it all worthwhile

INTERIM pre-tax profits of almost £1.2 million, against a loss of £1.07 million, prove that Maureen really is the love of the life of Imperial Continental Gas.

The Maureen North Sea oil field, which started to produce in the second half of last year,

is responding to treatment it might be unwise to chase them much higher.

David Green visits young people learning to run a business at the Wyvern Work Unit, Leicester.

Youth training to go-it-alone

THERE are a dozen or so of them, young people in their late teens or early twenties, each allotted a glass partitioned 100 sq ft of space on the first floor of a factory in Leicester.

Some have college degrees, some have "A" levels, others left school with barely an "O" level. All are unemployed but determined to be self-employed—and to make money.

They are members of the Wyvern Work Unit, an offshoot of the Wyvern Centre in Leicester's Haymarket shopping precinct, which serves as a focal point for the town's young unemployed.

Operated by the Charles Keeoe College of Further Education, the centre tries to help young people in their search for jobs.

But says Tim Smith, a department head at Charles Keeoe, "we were finding that while lots of them had marketable skills, there just weren't the jobs to fit them."

That is where the idea for the work unit came from. The Government's Youth Enterprise Scheme will lead money to people wanting to set up on their own but no matter how good the idea might be a young person is unlikely to have much knowledge of what is involved in running a business.

The Wyvern, formally established some six months ago,

sets out to provide those hustler skills: book-keepers, letter writers, presenting business plans to secure investment, preparing cashflow forecasts—and developing confidence in dealing with bureaucracy.

Shane Raadall, 19, has been with the unit from the start. He left school with a couple of "O" levels and got a job with an illuminated sign manufacturer. He left after three years with a sign making business himself.

Three girl graduates, one from Leicester Polytechnic are trying to set up their own businesses. Two West Indian brothers who have been running go-karting tracks at nightclubs, pubs and dinner dances are aiming to become full-time entertainment promoters.

All acknowledge the help the work unit is giving them to learning how to run a business. But all being together is one place also allows them to swap experiences.

"If we were all out on our own, trying to work from home or whatever," says Caroline Davis, one of the designers, "I'm not so sure we would find it so easy to get going."

"The great thing here," adds another, "is that we get an enthusiastic reaction to our enthusiasm."

Meyer International INTERIM RESULTS

	6 months to 30.9.84 £'000s	6 months to 30.9.83 £'000s	Year to 31.3.84 £'000s
Turnover	264,052	278,772	549,884
Trading Profit	18,279	19,388	36,498
Profits on sales of tangible assets	325	795	2,076
Net interest payable	18,004	20,183	38,574
Share of results of related companies	2,545	3,494	6,701
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	18	225	865
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	6,836	6,680	14,177
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	9,241	10,234	18,559
Extraordinary items (net of taxation)	273	167	290
Profit attributable to the members of the holding company	9,514	10,401	18,849
Earnings per Ordinary share	9.59p	10.62p	19.25p
Ordinary dividends—Cost	1,735	1,591	4,759
Amount per Ordinary share	1.80p	1.65p	4.75p

The six months results for both years are unaudited. The results for the year 1984 are on a restated basis. The figures for 1983 have been restated to conform to the 1984 accounting policies. The auditors' report on these accounts was unqualified.

The Chairman, Mr Ronald Groves, comments:

During our first half year the workload of that part of the construction industry in which we are principally engaged, relating to housing in all its forms, has been marginally less than for the same period in the previous year. Accordingly a lower demand for our products led to somewhat more competitive conditions and in the circumstances the slightly reduced trading profit may be regarded as satisfactory particularly in view of costs arising from the continuing change in the shape of the business. Borrowings continued to fall, giving a lower interest charge. We are still in the early stages of the second half of our year and the winter lies ahead. Whilst there are uncertainties we believe, subject to the usual qualifications, that the comment made in last July's Annual Report is still valid—“Present indications are that for the Group as a whole the year should be somewhat similar to that now reported.” Your Directors have increased the interim dividend to 1.80p (1.65p). This will be paid on 11th February 1985, to those members on the Register on the 10th January 1985.

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* Results of the Calor, CompAir and Oil Operations Groups all showed an advance at the pre-tax level. Income from associated companies also increased.

* Interim dividend increase of over 30% (from 4p to 5.25p) in line with the Board's policy of reducing disparity between mid-term and final payments.

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(All figures in £'000's)	Half year to 30.9.84 (unaudited)	Half year to 30.9.83 (unaudited)	Year to 31.3.84 (audited)
Turnover	264,495	204,704	546,043
Trading profit	45,937	12,967	84,173
Depreciation	(26,199)	(12,057)	(36,652)
Income from allied companies	—	—	7,258
Share of profits of associates	3,398	3,085	11,542
Income from general investments	658	618	1,014
Interest (net)	(11,816)	(5,679)	(17,334)
Profit/(Loss) before tax	11,978	(1,066)	50,002
Tax	(3,037)	(751)	(7,849)
Profit/(Loss) after tax	8,941	(1,817)	42,153
Minority interests	(4,205)	(172)	(7,512)
Profit/(Loss) attributable	4,736	(1,969)	34,641

Figures for the half year provide limited guidance to the outcome of the year as they include no contribution from important elements of the Group's Belgian investments, and because of the influence of winter fuel consumption on the year's overall performance.

Trafalgar House 1984.

1984 Increase over 1983

Turnover	£1613M	+ 20%
Net profit before tax	£ 113.2M	+ 43%
Earnings per share	£ 30.9p	+ 26%
Ordinary dividend	£ 10.0p	+ 18%
Shareholders funds	£ 327.5M	+ 25%

The business builders.

The 1984 Report and Accounts of Trafalgar House Public Limited Company was posted to shareholders on 12th December 1984. Copies may be obtained from the Secretary, 1 Berkeley Street, London W1X 6NN.

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MANAGER - PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTION ENGINEERING

Our client, HATTERSLEY HEATON LIMITED, is part of the Peplow-Hattersley Group and the UK's leading manufacturer of valves for the oil, petrochemical and nuclear power generation industries worldwide. The company is profitable with over 50% of sales exported; further expansion will come from new products already in the pipeline. Based at Trowbridge the position carries responsibility for 450 people and for all aspects of production and production engineering. Priority areas are man management, improved workflow and efficiency and extension of CNC machining and other advanced manufacturing processes. Candidates, male or female, probably

in their early to middle 30s, will hold a degree or equivalent qualification in mechanical/production engineering and must have successful production and production engineering management experience in a unionised engineering company with high machining standards and multi-component assembly.

Initial salary negotiable to interest those now earning up to around £22,000; benefits include car, pension and excellent relocation package.

Please write in confidence with full career details to D. A. Ravencroft at Bull Holmes (Management) Limited, 20 Albert Square, Manchester M2 5PE.

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GENERAL MANAGER

Surrey based

c. £20,000 + Car

• Our client, a light engineering company, with international markets, wishes to appoint a General Manager for their manufacturing operations in Surrey.
• The company, whose present turnover is in excess of £12m p.a. and continuing to grow, manufactures a unique range of products for which quality and punctual delivery are of prime importance.
• As a new appointment, responsibility will embrace production, administration, financial control, purchasing and personnel. The successful candidate will be expected to develop the forward thinking and creative style of management which already exists within the company.
• Candidates should be chartered mechanical engineers, at least 45 years of age who have had previous experience at general management level. Conditions of employment which are excellent will appeal to those who believe in modern management techniques and are capable of effective staff motivation.
• Applicants should reply in strictest confidence to Mr G. F. J. Betteridge at the address below, enclosing comprehensive career details to date.

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We are particularly looking for two relevantly experienced professionals to strengthen the Parts and Accessories Marketing activity, based in the North West. One job, at around £14,000, will involve the planning and implementation of promotional activities, market comparisons and research, and an input to pricing (Ref. LMS 4017). The other, at around £13,000, is aimed at the development of the accessories market (specific experience, covering sales as well as marketing, would be valuable in this case) (Ref. LMS 4018). Please write to Terry Ward, quoting the appropriate reference.

Male and female candidates should send full career details, which will be treated in complete confidence.

Ref: LMS 4017/18

Merchandising Representative

South East England

Castrol are brand leaders in the highly competitive lubricants market and, as part of our future strategy, we have an opening, in South-East England, for a young person to join our team of Merchandising Representatives. The successful applicant should live in the Kent, Surrey, Sussex or South London area. You will be responsible for ensuring good stock levels and maximum display impact of our leading range of Castrol Motor Lubricants in major 'High-Street' Retail outlets.

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Ref 2216/DT

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The job requires a proven record in debt collection and sales ledger administration. Although reporting to the Accountant, the travelling requirement of this position necessitates flexibility and self-motivation.

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The post is for a Distribution Professional with a solid record of achievement in negotiating with shipping lines; route planning and the worldwide movement, on a regular basis, of capital goods, plant or vehicles.

Substantial experience of dealing with HM Customs & Excise is essential.

Ideally aged 30-45, you must have strongly developed sales abilities, particularly with the drive, determination and energy to achieve success.

On offer is a negotiable salary in excess of £15,000 p.a. plus bonus, company car, BUPA and the opportunity to make your mark in one of the UK's most prestigious companies.

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Telex: 55542 GLC 2222

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We imagine you will want fuller details of the position which interests you than can be provided in an advertisement. If you meet the brief criteria under each job title, please phone or write asking for a job description and our application form, quoting the reference number of the job to:-



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Preferably computer literate. To provide marketing field service support. Company car with this post.

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GENERAL MANAGER for LARGE PRECAST FACTORY in SAUDI ARABIA

Our client is one of the most rapidly developing and industrious business families in Saudi Arabia with considerable interests in construction and related fields. They are now seeking to appoint a General Manager to be responsible for the efficient running and profitability of their large precast factory.

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In return for hard work, loyalty and dedication our clients offer a generous tax-free salary circa £36,000, free accommodation, company car and medical cover. Married status is also possible upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period.

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Sally Compton on Tel: 0245 74933 or write:

A.C.A., Manor Lodge, Great Budworth, Cheshire, Essex.

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Greenfield Export Opportunities

Animal Health

Public Health

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ANIMAL HEALTH Marketing Manager

You will be responsible for market and product analysis, market research, the preparation, implementation and monitoring of marketing plans and all promotional activity. Probably aged 30 to 35, you must have a degree in Veterinary science or related field and have a successful record of marketing/ selling animal health products. International experience and business fluency in one or more European languages are both highly desirable. Ref. D.1853/A.

International Sales Representatives

To take regional responsibility for sales of a range of animal health products and/or technical support of distributors. Aged 25+, you will have a proven record over at least two years of selling animal health products, probably internationally. Fluency in a major European language is essential for one of the posts, desirable for the others. Ref. D.1853/B.

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In the first instance please write with full career and salary details and quoting the appropriate reference to P. M. Evans. These will be forwarded direct to our client. List separately any companies to whom your application should not be sent.

These appointments are open to men and women.

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Applications should be addressed for the attention of P. J. Quinn

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The appointment will be made within the salary range £13,170 to £15,080 dependent upon experience.

Thames is an equal opportunity employer and this vacancy is open to all male and female candidates regardless of national/ethnic origin and marital status.

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Mike Allen,
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You are likely to have an engineering background and will be able to demonstrate measurable achievement in planning and successfully directing international market growth in high technology markets (not necessarily in Defence). You should be educated to degree level, and be an effective communicator ideally with fluency in more than one language. We are seeking that blend of energy, flair and maturity which will enable you to negotiate effectively with senior government and military personnel, and also to fully contribute to the overall general management of the business. The successful applicant will be of the calibre to merit an early appointment to the Company's Board and have further potential to grow his/her career into general management. With this in mind, the preferred age range is 35-45 years.

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Must have previous offshore jacking experience in maintenance operations with electro-hydraulic jacking systems.

Applications in writing should give brief details of career to date, quoting reference LME 18/84 to:

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Senior Auditors act as team leaders with the NAO as well as carrying out more complex audit investigations. They are expected to work a good deal on their own initiative, often coming into contact with fellow accountants, professionals, and senior officials.

Posts are based mainly in London, but a few may become available in the provinces. Most involve a limited amount of travel in the UK.

Candidates must be Chartered, Certified, Cost and Management or Public Finance Accountants and must also have at least one year's post-qualification experience; a knowledge of current auditing methods and modern management skills; enquiring mind; and the ability to communicate well orally and in writing. Experience of finance and administration in either public sector or in commerce, specification in computers or other relevant techniques and experience of staff management would be advantageous.

Salary range: £13,725-£17,275 (£1300 less outside London). Starting salary according to qualifications and experience. Subsequent annual increases are assessed as part of a performance-related pay system. Promotion prospects to £27,200 and above.

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For further details and an application form (to be returned by 7 January 1985) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 446451 (answering service operates outside office hours). Please quote ref: G/6421.

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The Manpower Services Commission develops and promotes a wide range of training programmes for young people and adults, aiming to improve their employment prospects and to ensure that manpower generally is equipped to meet the industrial and commercial opportunities of the future.

Senior Training Advisers are now required in Head Office, Sheffield. Others may be needed at Regional Centres at a later date.

These posts offer involvement in different aspects of youth and adult training, ranging from the identification and analysis of local or national needs, right through to the development and production of curricula and training materials. An important aspect of the work is to promote effective training practices at all levels.

Candidates should have professional or other relevant qualifications (a degree would be an advantage but is not essential) and should have held a responsible post in training, training development or training methods in industry, commerce or the public sector. They should preferably have had specialised experience in one or more specific fields (such as the management of curriculum development, vocational education, or training).

of the role and implementation of training within organisations and in the design of effective learning. Ability to diagnose, analyse and solve problems and to communicate effectively (both orally and in writing) is essential.

SALARY: £10,480-£12,270. Starting salary may be above the minimum.

Promotion prospects.

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The position requires a hunter, a professional aged 30-45 years, with an Engineering Degree or equivalent qualification and some years' on the road experience, preferably in the sale of linear products. A demanding post in which an able performer can anticipate significant career progression.

An attractive salary related to experience, a Company car and an excellent contributory pension and Life assurance scheme are offered

KALA DANCER TOP-RATED IN FREE HANDICAP

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

A KINSMAN, who missed a Wetherby clash with Burrough Hill Lad and Wayward Lad last weekend, should justify his stable's realistic choice of race by winning the Tommy Whittle Chase at Haydock Park this afternoon.

A Kinsman finished second over the Haydock Park three miles three weeks ago, when Wayward Lad gave him 9lb and a comfortable beating. His opponents today include Gaze Chance, third in Burrough Hill Lad's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup.

Gaze Chance, receiving 18lb from Burrough Hill Lad, finished 24 lengths behind him and made several serious jumping mistakes.

Forgive 'n Forget, another Haydock Park rival for A Kinsman (nap), was beaten 10 lengths by him when they finished first and second in the Stu Alliance 'Chase at Cheltenham last spring.

Cornering preferred Very Promising, third to Dawn Boo' in last season's Champion Hurdle, will have his first race after failing in the Rival Novices' Chase, but I rely on the experience of Cornering.

Kala Dancer, surprise winner of the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes, heads the European Free Handicap, for two-year-olds, but Triptych is only 2lb behind him in sprints.

TODAY'S HAYDOCK PARK SELECTIONS

	COURSE CORR.	FORM
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2-0 KINSMAN	2-0 KINSMAN	2-0 KINSMAN
3-0 MINOR	3-0 MINOR	3-0 MINOR
4-0 COULEE	4-0 COULEE	4-0 COULEE
5-0 YTHARSHARRA	5-0 YTHARSHARRA	5-0 YTHARSHARRA

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE—A Kinsman and Ytharsharran.

TONY STAFFORD—Primrose Wood (2.30).

Training her 18th season into account, she is officially regarded as Kala Dancer's superior.

Triptych, trained by France when decisively winning the Prix du Jockey Club at Longchamp, has since won at Aylmer, the David O'Brien stable's O'Brien and Alydar's Best to Longchamp for a Grand Critérium victory in October.

Print Appeal, impressive winner of the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes, is rated second among the fillies, 1lb below Triptych and Sib above Alydar's Best.

Healed Street, on the same mark as Alydar's Best, is assessed 1lb above. Of course, he is unbroken and has won his last four starts, including the 2000m race at the Hoover Fillies' Mile.

Gold Crest, undefeated in Ireland, figures 1lb below, another Vincent O'Brien star, Law Society, who lost his unbeaten record to Kala Dancer in the Dewhurst Stakes.

Provived's 16 wins set a new 20th century record for any English two-year-old, but he is still unbacked 12lb below.

Mountain, winner of the Critérium de Saint-Cloud, is rated France's best two-year-old colt.

LEADERS IN THE FREE HANDICAP

The leading weights for the Laurek European Free Handicap are over at Newmarket on Saturday, April 1st.

For the first time, the Rival Novices' Chase (L30) is run.

One of the leading novice hurdlers of 1982-83, Very Promising, failed to win last year, but has gone up to 95 on his four-year-old form.

El Grado Senior, with 98, has the highest norm rating of any European horse, but his form is assessed on that brilliant 2,600 Guineas victory, and not on his Derby defeat in which Secreto revealed El Grado Senior's stamina limitations.

Chief Singer, with a norm of 96, is the chiefest of all his form. He also won the steeplechase Cup and is assessed far higher than any of the specialist

sprinters.

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LEAGUE PLACE LIFE BAN ON ANTON JOHNSON

By DONALD SAUNDERS

ANTON JOHNSON, former chairman of Rotherham and Southend, who was also alleged to have been involved with Bournemouth, will be unable to take any part in the running of a Football League club for the rest of his life.

In effect a life ban was placed on Mr Johnson and Andrew McFluton, his predecessor as Southend Chairman; in London yesterday by a League commission, who also severely reprimanded Southend, Rotherham and Bournemouth for their part in a "grubby affair."

"If Mr Johnson or Mr McFluton are ever within the jurisdiction of the Football League, they will be charged under League regulations," explained Graham Kelly, the secretary.

Following an investigation lasting more than a year, the three clubs were found guilty of being involved in dual control, so breaching League rules, which stipulate that no one shall be concerned with more than one club at a time.

Grubby affair

"This is a warning to other clubs not to deal with either of these gentlemen," emphasised Jack Dunnett, the League president. "If they do, it will be at their own risk."

"We can take no action against Mr Johnson or Mr McFluton unless they come within our jurisdiction. They have been involved in a grubby affair. We had our suspicions for a considerable time, but we must have evidence before we can charge a club or an individual."

The commission learned that Southend estimated the amount of money which Mr Johnson had cost them about £150,000. "Rotherham and Bournemouth also suffered financially," said Mr Kelly.

"The common thread running through all their explanations is that they were in a position of 'we did not know we were in the hands of a major shareholder.'

All have suffered

"As the control of each of the three clubs is now unconnected in any way and all have suffered financially and otherwise, it is agreed to limit the penalty to a severe reprimand."

Mr Johnson, who declined an invitation to speak before the commission, first came into league soccer as chairman of Rotherham. He was then alleged to have been connected with Bournemouth before taking control of Southend during a rowdy meeting last September.

At a breakfast-time meeting of the Southend board, yesterday, he agreed to transfer his share,



Jack Dunnett, who said the case was a warning to other clubs, and (right) Anton Johnson, whose connection with Southend was estimated to have cost the club about £150,000.

University Soccer

HUSSELBEE MAY HOLD THE KEY

By BILL MEREDITH

Cambridge — may have arrested University rugby in recent years, but their record as soccer makes rather dismal reading.

They have won only one of their past 31 encounters with Cambridge, where home will be the only route in the 101st match of the season.

Overall, though, Cambridge still have a marked advantage through the years, having been successful 41 times since the inaugural match in 1874 at the Kennington Oval, while Oxford's record is 37 wins.

An interesting Oxford statistic is that Badminton at centre-half. He earned a Blue for Cambridge last year, but the former Maidsworth Grammar School boy has now switched from Trinity Hall to St Edmund Hall and from light blue to dark blue.

McGarry's protests brought a booking before Savages hammered the penalty home.

With both sides possessing obvious potential in attack, the closest draw of which the last eight years ago, is the most unlikely result.

Dartford were again denied an equaliser by the woodwork, which had been the bane of their season, but with two goals in the last five minutes from Bussell and Rafferty, Bourne-

mouth finished in style.

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TELEVISION - WEDNESDAY

GUIDE BY PETER KNIGHT

BBC-1

6.30 a.m. Breakfast Time, with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. 9 Lyd Marshall's Everyday York, rpt. 9.10-9.40. The Dorsetmen, first shown on BBC Saturday 9.30 a.m. School News (London and South East only); Financial Report and News Headlines; 1 Pebble Mill at One, including Michael Smith with some topics for Christmas. 1.15 Gran, rpt. 1.50. *World War II*, 2.25. "Wonderful Wooden Toys—Miniature Worlds," rpt. 2.25. "Parachute Battalion" (1941 b/w). Patriotic wartime drama, with Edmund Purdom as a recruit in the Parachute Service, undergoing the rigours of its tough training course. 3.40 Cartoon, 3.48 (not London) Regional News, 3.50 Play School, 4.10 Bananaman, 4.15 The Goon Show by Peter Cook, read by David Baxt. 4.30 *Godzilla*. 4.45 John Craven's *Roundup*, 4.55 *The Boy of Delight*—The Spider in the Web (Cedex sub-titles), 5.25 *The Good Life*, rpt. 5.58 Weather.

6.00 NEWS

6.30 REGIONAL MAGAZINES

6.55 *JIVE GOT A SECRET*—Presented by Tom O'Connor.

BBC-2

4 pm. ("Split Second") 1982 b/w. Stephen McNally as an escaped prisoner holding a group of people hostage in a ghost town destined to be the site of a nuclear power station. Alexis Smith and Richard Egan. 5.25 *Fast Forward*, 5.30 *Willo the Wisp*, rpt. 5.35 *Fast Forward*.

6.00 THE HIGH CHAPARRAL

Young Blood. Repeat.

6.50 THE PHIL SILVERS SHOW

Reunion, b/w rpt. Billko sets off to New York for a reunion with some of his old wartime buddies.

7.15 JIVE

Including an item on Sam Cooke, who died 20 years ago, his life and times and his influence on modern American music.

7.45 MY MUSIC

rpt.

8.10 BRASS TACKS

The Falklands—Time to Talk? In a series of interviews with people involved in the debate about the future of the Falklands Islands.

S. Nicholas Henderson, Britain's ambassador in Washington during the Falklands War, and others, whether we should now be prepared to negotiate

7.30 SHARON AND ELSE

Repeat.

8.00 DALLAS

Shadow of a Doubt. After seeing Mark Grissom's car, Pam decides to dig a little deeper into the mystery surrounding her fiance's disappearance. (Cefex sub-titles).

8.45 POINTS OF VIEW

Barry Took with more viewers' comments on BBC programmes.

9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST

by the Labour Party.

9.10 NEWS, WEATHER

9.35 SPORTSNIGHT

Including Football, highlights of the third-round, second leg, UEFA Cup match, Dundee United v Manchester United, from Tammerike Park. The score stands at 22 after the first leg. Plus action from Bohemians Prague v Tottenham Hotspur in the same competition, with Spurs leading 20 after 10 minutes. Highlights from this afternoon's match between Pontypool and the Australian touring team.

10.45 THE MAN WHO COULD CHEAT DEATH

(1983). Gory and gruesome thriller set in Paris at the end of the last century with Anton Orliffing as a doctor who has acquired the key to young youth. With Christopher Lee and Hazel Court. 12.30 Weather.

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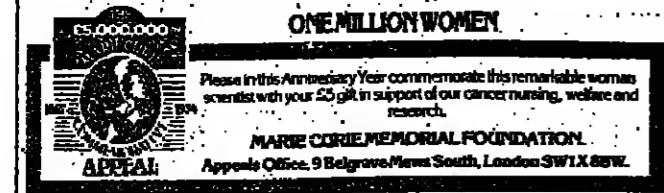
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U.S. SUSPECT SKYJACK END WAS 'FIXED'

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

The United States attacked Iran yesterday for its handling of the Kuwaiti aircraft skyjacking and accused the Teheran authorities of "clearly encouraging" the terrorists.

And President Reagan, in brief remarks to journalists at the White House, said: "Even if they weren't in collusion, the Iranians could have done better."

TELECOM ERA' HAILED BY LAWSON

By JAMES WIGHTMAN
Political Correspondent

THE huge public demand for British Telecom shares was a setback for the Labour party and the trade unions in their attitude towards nationalisation, declared Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, last night.

Addressing the Institute of Directors, he claimed that the BT privatisation and other Government measures meant that "a new and healthier social order was on the march".

The developments also confirmed that the Government's objectives were as much social and political as economic.

Mr Lawson said the implications of the British Telecom sale were far-reaching, not least for the guardians of Clause Four of the Labour party's constitution.

He added: "Their promises to put the genie of individual ownership and participation back into the nation's bottle now stand them in

on the horns of a dilemma. If it is not done, then it is not done; if it is done, then it is not done."

"People want more, not less, say in the way their savings are used. They want to assist in the promotion of good business and have a share in its success."

"Above all, they will not countenance a return to faceless state corporatism. Two million people have put their money on the table, and they have put it on the Blue Square."

The Chancellor also showed that the response to the British Telecom share offer showed that the leadership of Britain's trade unions were "sadly out of touch with the interests and desires of its members."

Editorial Comment - P16

Continued from PI

Ten killed in pile-up

moved among the twisted, mangled wreckage, leaving bodies where they lay in the hope of finding some people still alive.

It was a horrendous sight, said an ambulance man, Brian Rhodes, 45.

"In one car a passenger was trapped when the dashboard folded round his legs. He was severely engulfed in a ball of flame and burned alive.

The driver was uninjured and told me he had leapt out of the wreckage and could hear his colleague screaming as he caught fire."

In Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, Dorset, Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire police also reported frequent collisions.

Two people were killed when their car was in collision with a coach on the A35 near Guildford, Surrey.

It was as if the cars were made of plasticine and had been rolled up into a ball," said Surrey's Chief Fire Officer, Peter Brown. 24, both of Hulme Park, Salisbury, died when their car collided in fog with a lorry on the A30 near Guildford, Surrey.

At Shaftesbury, Dorset, a sports car driver Ian Dohman, 26, and his passenger Peter Brown, 24, both of Hulme Park, Salisbury, died when their car collided in fog with a lorry on the A30 near Guildford, Surrey.

At Buntingford, Hertfordshire, a woman survivor described how a ball of flame "just like the sun rising" swept down the motorway as the petrol tanker exploded.

It was the first of three one-day strikes this week called by the Educational Institute of Scotland as part of a campaign for an independent salary review.

SCHOOL STRIKE CAUSES CHAOS

A strike by teachers in Scotland caused widespread disruption yesterday. Thousands of pupils were given the day off and scores of schools were closed.

The Swallowfield bypass which links Reading and Basingstoke was also closed after a series of pile-ups.

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PICTURES - P3

SOLUTION No. 18322

ACROSS
1 Fresh support for the American dollar? (9)
3 Impressive consequence of a sell-out, maybe (6, 7)
11 Ring an alarm back at Covent Garden? (3)
12 Congruent peer (S)
13 Acute distress on the coast of Morocco (5)
16 Indian pony seen at the Edinburgh Festival (6)
17 Red man I am no longer quiet about (6)
18 Downtrodden ways (S)
19 A man in the firing line (6)
20 Two Poles cutting a tree for archbishop (6)
21 Device that is set to arouse fear (5)
24 An unfinished picture frame? (5)
25 Seafood strike in the Civil Service (5)
27 Piece of office equipment I threw out before it can be reconditioned (6, 7)
28 Sea-parrot flitting in a creamery? (8)

DOWN
2 A Spanish wine jar I smashed when empty? (5)
3 The salad food that's the last thing I have cut down on (6)
4 Government plan for the economy (6)
5 Smart girl that is after a share of the proceeds (5)
6 No reply from the editor? (3, 4)
7 A region that isn't devoid of humanity (9, 4)
9 He's not much good, as a linesman (3)
10 Vain he sought to get gold from St Michael (9)
13 Disposal of a crop exported from the South Sea islands (6)
14 One who is extremely interested in politics (5)
15 A mass rising on India's northern border (5)
22 An arcade made with timber I located in Georgia? (6)
23 Article torn out by a girl from Italy (6)
25 French law about French currency (5)
26 A capital atmosphere in a small business establishment (S)

Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Gallow, 4 Poles, 8 Usages, 10 Artis, 12 Age, 15 Dub, 21 Hive, 22 Redress, 22 Release, 23 Nerve, 25 Clash, 28 Coated, 29 Down, 30 Grumpy, 31 Learner, 32 Overhead, 33 Fidget, 34 Upstart, 17 Churn, 19 Brief, 20 Ascend, 22 Villa, 24 Sack.

For a change on Sunday try your skill with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH prize crossword.

DURBAN 3 TO QUIT CONSULATE

Commons Sketch

Golden hour
of Cook
and Rifkind

By EDWARD PEARCE

WHAT a rich diet they do feed us. Yesterday's proceedings were like one of those splendid and hadn-for-you Sicilian pastries packed full of raisins, candied peel, angelica and maraschino cherries.

In the course of a single afternoon we had Mr Heseltine to Trident to the end of time.

Mr Archie Gumede, the black president of the United Democratic Front, the anti-apartheid umbrella organisation, and Mr Bill Nair and Mr Paul David, officials of the Natal Indian Congress, announced their decision to quit their sit-in through their spokesman at a press conference in Durban last night.

The decision was precipitated by the South African authorities' sudden and surprising withdrawal of detention orders under Section 28 of the Internal Security Act against them.

Another three men who originally occupied the consulate with them and who were detained immediately left to be charged in Durban magistrate's court with high treason and held pending a trial.

Successful campaign

Dr Farooq Meer, spokesman for the three, said they would leave the premises today under protest "having fought a very successful campaign against detention without trial."

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